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U.S. troops search through DVDs at a local bazaar at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The bazaar is held on the base every Friday and features DVDs, scarves, carpets, clothes, crafts, old coins and interesting helmets (right).

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Military

Air Force's Predator squadron: The Air Force plans to enlist the New York Air National Guard to operate one of its unmanned aerial vehicle squadrons, Gov. George Pataki announced Thursday.

It's part of an Air Force initiative that could expand the Predator program to as many as 15 squadrons by 2010

Pataki's statement didn't disclose the location of New York's Predator station.

Navy sonar and whales: Sonar pulsing from a Navy guided-missile destroyer dur ing training exercises near the San Juan Islands near Seattle two years ago was likely loud enough to send killer whales fleeing, according to a government agency report

The National Marine Fisheries Service report backed up local experts who said sonar from the USS Shoup caused a group of orcas to behave abnormally, apparently trying to avoid the sound.

It contradicts the Navy's previous findings that orcas in Puget Sound's J Pod seemed unaffected by the sonar coming from the Shoup on May 5, 2003.

States

Holocaust families' treasures: A federal judge in Miami tentatively approved a \$25.5 million settlement of claims that U.S. troops plundered the riches of Hungarian Holocaust families from a Nazi train

U.S. District Judge Patricia Seitz called the participants "peacemakers" and said the settlement gives the government "the opportunity to step up to correct an injustice that may have occurred 60 years ago.

Under the settlement, reached last week and accepted Thursday by Seitz, the Claims Conference on Holocaust issues will oversee distribution of the settlement money to needy Hungarian survivors.

Detroit terror suspect: An immigrant who was once tried on terrorism charges in a case marred by prosecutorial misconduct plans to plead guilty next week to unrelated insurance fraud charges and be deported. his lawyer said.

Ahmed Hannan, 36, of Detroit is tired of fighting the legal system, defense lawyer James Thomas said Thursday.

"After coming to court for five bond hearings and not being able to obtain a bond and after having been assaulted by another inmate at Wayne County Jail and losing his front teeth - he decided that continuing the legal battle wasn't worth it anymore and he wants to go home," Thomas told the Detroit Free Press

Wisconsin hotel shooting: A man who fatally shot seven fellow church members and then killed himself at a church meeting in a Brookfield, Wis., hotel had a history of depression and disagreed with his pastor, his mother told a medical examiner

Shirley Ratzmann said her 44-year-old son, Terry Ratzmann, had a history of de-pression "relating to job problems for the last couple of years," but had not seen a doctor about it, a medical examiner's report released Thursday shows

Shirley Ratzmann also said the Living Church of God congregation her son attend ed had split from another church a few years ago.

"She stated that her son did not agree with the new pastor's point of view, but 'did-n't harp on it,' " the report said.

Immigrant smuggling deaths: Some of the charges against a truck driver accused in a deadly smuggling attempt could be dropped after a judge in Houston said prosecutors failed to show he was guilty of charges of harboring illegal immigrants. U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore on

Thursday stopped short of throwing out 19



Pacifist nuns: From left, Ardeth Platte, Carol Gilbert and Jackie Hudson, Dominican nu from Grand Rapids, Mich., listen to speakers addressing a crowd outside the federal courthouse in downtown Denver in July 2003. A federal appeals court upheld the prison sentences Thursday for the three pacifist nuns accused of using their blood to deface a missile silo in northern Colorado in 2002. The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals noted the potential benefit of civil disobedience, but upheld a jury's decision to convict the nuns on charges of obstructing national defense and damaging government property.

charges against Tyrone Williams, but asked Immigration and Customs Enforcement. prosecutors and defense attorneys to sub-

mit arguments. Williams, 34, still faces 39 other charges including conspiracy to harbor, conceal and transport illegal immigrants and transporting immigrants in a manner that resulted in serious injury and death.

Yucca Mountain nuclear waste: E- mails from a government hydrologist to his supervisor, copied to several co-workers, led the Energy Department to believe that docu-ments on the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump might have been falsified, government officials said.

The documents concerned 6-year-old U.S. Geological Survey studies of water movement in the planned Nevada dump.
USGS scientists validated Energy Department conclusions that water seen relatively slow, so radiation would be less likely to escape

Other studies have nointed to faster water movement. If it turns out there was document falsification and it casts doubt on USGS' conclusions, that could undercut the Energy Department's case for Yucca.

White House van threat: A man who threatened to blow up his van near the White House during inauguration week pleaded guilty Thursday to making a false explosives threat.

Lowell Timmers, 54, of Cedar Springs Mich., entered the plea in U.S. District Court as part of a deal for a reduced sentence, federal prosecutors said. District Judge Emmett G. Sullivan must still must decide whether to accept the agreement for Timmers to serve two years and 10 months in prison. He will be sentenced June 30.

Timmers' threats brought traffic near the White House to a standstill for more than 41/2 hours on Jan 18

Business

Immigrants at Wal-Mart: Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, has agreed to pay \$11 million to settle federal allegations it used hundreds of illegal immigrants to clean its stores, authorities said Friday.

Additionally, 12 businesses that provided contract janitor services to Wal-Mart will pay \$4 million in fines and plead guilty to criminal immigration charges, officials said.

The case against Wal-Mart marks a record dollar amount for a civil immigration settlement, said Homeland Security Assis-tant Secretary Michael J. Garcia, director of World

Madrid terror suspects: Spanish police on Friday arrested a Syrian in Madrid who they believe helped recruit radical Islamists to be sent abroad and had ties with suspects charged in the Madrid train bombings of a

Police, who gave the suspect's name as Mohannad Almallah Dabas, said he was arrested at his home in Madrid as part of the investigation being carried out by the National Court. The Interior Ministry said he and his brother used an anartment in Madrid to house recruits or people passing through. They were assisted by Basel Ghalyoun, a Syrian already jailed for his suspected role in the March 11, 2004, bombings, the ministry said.

Bobby Fischer's citizenship: American chess genius Bobby Fischer, detained in Japan and awaiting de-



States, cleared another hurdle Friday in his bid for Icelandic citizenship after a parliamentary committee granted initial approv-

The motion to grant Fischer citizenship will before Iceland's go 63-member parliament for final approval on Monday, said a mem-

Fischer

ber the General Committee. Fischer 62 has been detained in Janan awaiting deportation to the United States.

Prince Charles' wedding: The blessing ceremony following the civil marriage of Prince Charles and

Camilla Parker Bowles will be shown live on television, the prince's Clarence House office said Friday. Archbishop of Can-

terbury Rowan Williams is to lead the blessing at Windsor Castle following a civil wedding service at Windsor town hall April 8. The civil service will not be shown on TV,

Clarence House said



Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Big Red One spending Iraq dollars fast

Soldiers back from war pouring into Würzburg stores

BY BEN MURRAY

Stars and Strings

WÜRZBURG, Germany - At the on-post Würzburg Furniture Store, branch manager Roger Woods has noticed a trend: He's selling everything he has

"Bedroom sets, mattresses and box springs," he said, looking around the showroom for specifics, and giving up. "Basically everything.

As one of the Würzburg-area businesses caught up in the tide of commerce that has rolled in with the return of thousands of 1st Infantry Division troops over the past month, Woods' store has been an indicator of the type of spending the soldiers are

Woods said he's been moving a lot of large TV stands - because soldiers need a place to put their new big-screen and plasma sets - and doing a brisk business in delivering TVs to their new owners.

"We average probably two, three big screens being delivered a day," he said. Of course, with a new TV, a soldier will

also need a coffee table for the remote and a place to sit - perhaps explaining the run on Italian leather couch sets the store has

And desks are a hot item, he said "Because everybody's getting new com-puters, I guess," Woods said.

From haircuts to Harleys, 1st ID soldiers have been buying, buying, buying as they come back from their downrange deployment, bank accounts flush with hazard pay and incentive money, Würzburg-area business owners said this week

Sales at Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities in Würzburg are up 55 nercent from the same time last year according to Robert Koch, retail business manager for the consolidated exchange.

Many of the 12,000 returning soldiers have come back and "figured out they've got \$10,000, \$15,000," said Maj. Simon Te-lian, who returned with the 67th Combat Support Hospital in January

Telian, who has bought a Global Positioning System for his car and taken a vacation



Sgt. Travis Runnels, left, from the 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, and Cpl. Steve Drefke, from the 1st Infantry Division's headquarters company, shop for high-tech stereo equipment for Runnels' new car at the Leighton Barracks' PowerZone on Thursday.

to Spain, Italy and England since returning, said the higher pay and lack of shopping options downrange mean a fat bank account for many soldiers.

"The money just piles up [in Iraq]. You get paid more and you spend less," Telian said, "Especially with the yearlong deploy-

Over the course of that year, an average single soldier might spend about two months' pay on small expenses and bills, and squirrel the rest away, said Cpl. Steve Drefke, from the 1st ID's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, who returned last month

That is, they save it until they get back he said "People have never had this much money saved up before, and they're buying everything they've ever wanted." said

Drefke, proud owner of a new laptop com-For single soldiers, that means "electron-

ics and cars," he said, a point underlined by his shopping partner, Sgt. Travis Runnels, who on Thursday was buying electronics to put in his new car. The excess money has led some soldiers

to buy luxury items just to spend the dough, Runnels said.

But the flood of cash has been a long-expected relief for many of the on- and off-post business owners who cater to troops, and who used words such as "slow and "survived" to describe the year the soldiers were away

"It was really rough last year," said Karl Salisbury, an on-post exchange car and motorcycle sales associate. People just weren't buying heavily, and numbers dipped, he said, a trend also seen outside the gates of Leighton Barracks

"Last year, you'd be lucky to talk to two or three people a week," said Auto Exchange sales consultant Paul Brennan. 'You missed the troops. You knew when

But last week, Brennan's lot was teeming with browsers, and all around the post businesses were on the rebound.

'I tell you what, business is booming.' Salisbury said. "This month's probably the best month since I've been here,

four-year employee of the dealership said. The hot item on Salisbury's lot: The new Mustang. Sticker price: around \$25,000

'I've never seen a vehicle sell so much," Salisbury said.

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they were gone.

Community Bank to expand services to Italy bases

BY TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany -Largely unknown by military personnel outside Germany, Britain, the Department of Defense's banking system is expanding into Italy.

The Overseas Military Banking Program will add six locations in Italy during 2006, Patrick Shine, director of military and civilian pay services at the Defense Financial and Accounting Services, said in a telephone interview from his office in Arlington, Va. Community Bank branches are

planned for: ■ Navy sites - Naples, Sigonel-

la. La Maddalena and Sardinia. Naval Support Activity Naples is families and civilian employees at three major facilities. About 7,000 military and civilian personnel are based at Naval Air Station Sigonella, on the Italian island of Sicily. About 2,700 Americans are attached to the Naval Support Operation at La Maddalena

home to about 6,500 sailors, their

■ Army sites — Caserma Ederle, Vicenza; Camp Darby, Livorno. About 8,000 soldiers are based at Caserma Ederle, 25 miles west of Venice, and hundreds more soldiers and airmen are at Camp Darby, near Pisa.

■ Air Force sites — Aviano Air Base, Aviano, About 7,000 Americans are based at Aviano, north of Venice, which is home base to the 31st Fighter Wing.

Tens of thousands of soldiers.

sailors. Marines, airmen and civilians bank at a total of 100 branches in Germany, Japan or Britain. DFAS does not select sites for

new banks, Shine said. Officials at facilities without Community Banks must request the service and prove there is sufficient potential demand to warrant the evpenditure, he said

Community Bank - government owned, contractor operated - is not a conventional bank offering myriad services a la private banks in the United States cometing for market share, he said Rather, it provides basic U.S.-style banking — checking accounts, savings accounts - for American military personnel living overseas, he said

Banking service fees don't go

as "profits" to Community Bank or to the civilian bank that runs it, but rather help defray operating evnenses

DFAS oversees the bank, which is operated by San Francisco-based financial services giant Bank of America on a five year, cost-plus-fixed-fee contract.
One of the largest pieces of

Community Bank's business is currency exchange.

During 2004, DFAS' internal

treasury bought about \$9 billion worth of currency on world markets, averaging about \$34 million per day, according to information provided by Bryan Hubbard, head of DFAS corporate communications.

Finance operations under DFAS provided funds to base disbursing offices in European Union countries for local-national payroll, vendor payments, currency exchange, as well as to credit unions and European Community Bank operations.

The Army pays 65 percent of the approximately \$4.8 million fee Bank of America gets each month to provide banking services, while the Navy pays 15 per-cent and the Air Force 20 percent, Shine said.

The half-dozen sailors in Naoles asked about the arrival of the facilities furrowed their brows saving they'd not heard of the bank before.

Some added that with Navy Federal Credit Unions sites and existing places to exchange dollars for euros, new banking facilities aren't necessarily needed.

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DOD calls for universal early-retirement rules

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials want new early-retirement rules - some incentives and some mandatory exits - for all four services as a long-term tool to help force efficiency.

The request to Congress comes just days after Marine and Army officials announced they missed recruiting goals for February. But Charles Abell, deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said the two issues are not connected

"These are for force-shaping," Abell told

a House Armed Services subcommittee on Wednesday. "It is not about getting rid of folks. It's about keeping the right folks and right skill and experience mix

The proposals all are aimed at 20-plus year military personnel, especially those in outdated or overpopulated specialties. They include:

- A buvout bonus or annuity for enlisted members:
- High-year tenure caps for officers, to apply to either certain specialties or across the board:
- An early-retirement board described by Abell as a "last resort" measure that would review senior officers' skills

and have the authority to hand out involun-

Abell said all four proposals likely aren't needed to achieve the force-shaping goals: If the new high-tenure caps are approved by Congress, the early retirement board would likely be redundant.

And he acknowledged that many of the proposals will be unpopular among career military who would be forced out of their

"This is about the appropriate manage ment of human capital," he said. "And we've found that when you have these authorities out there, people start making their own decisions ahead of time.

"This is just putting more tools in the toolbox," he said

Abell said all four services have requested the tools, though the Navy and Air Force are more likely to use the authority in the near future.

Air Force officials have pledged to drop their end strength by about 7,000 airmen by June 1, and are scheduled to trim another 2,300 in 2006. Meanwhile, Navy officials plan on reducing their sailor totals by more than 13,000 next year.

Meanwhile, the Marines plan on adding 3,000 more personnel in 2006, and the Army is scheduled to add about 30,000 soldiers over the next several years

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'America, you have a recruiting problem'

Army vice chief of staff says he's worried about the future of all-volunteer military force

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - The Army's vice chief of staff says he's been losing sleep lately over the future of the all-volunteer

"What keeps me awake at night is what this all-volunteer force will look like in 2007," Gen. Richard Cody told lawmakers recently on Capital Hill. It's a concern others should share, he says.

"I think it ought to keep all of you awake," he told a gathering of reporters Wednesday

Nearly 31 years since it replaced the draft Army of both world wars. Korea and Vietnam, the all-volunteer force is facing its first real test, Cody said.

"This is the first time we've taken the all-volunteer force into an extended fight, Cody said. "It's not a Kosovo, it's not a Bosnia, it's not a [Multinational Force and Ob servers peacekeeping mission] in the Sinai," he said. "It is a war. On any given we have 156,000 soldiers for 12 months in a combat zone, as well as - still all those other commitments.

It's a pace that could be crippling, he said.

said

"I worry about the soldiers with their second and third tour by '07 since 9/11," Cody

Indeed, for the first time since Vietnam, the sheer volume of operations means even relatively junior troops are already becoming veterans of multiple combat tours. Soldiers who served as privates in the 3rd Infantry Division as it invaded Iraq, for example, are now returning to Iraq as corporals and sergeants

The all-volunteer force was born on July 1, 1973, in the wake of years of protest against the draft during the war in Vietnam. Ever since, the Army has traded or-ders to serve for "Be all you can be" and, more recently, "Army of One" advertising campaigns to convince young Americans to raise their right hands and wear the uniform

But two years into the war in Iraq, recruiting efforts are beginning to show cracks For the first two months of the year, both

Army and Marine Corps recruiters have failed to meet their quotas to sign up new volunteers

Selling service

"That, correctly so, is a concern," Gen Peter Pace, the vice chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff told Pentagon employees Friday during a town hall meeting. While he said more recruiters and adver-



Gen. Richard A. Cody's two sons, Capt. Clint Cody, left, and Capt. Tyler Cody, both with the 101st Airborne Division, pin four stars on his shoulders at the Pentagon auditorium July 2, 2004. Cody's sons, as well as three nephews who are also in the Army, offer the general good intelligence on what troops are talking about.

Sons, nephews help Cody keep tabs

Gen. Richard Cody has a small squad of scouts scattered among Army units sending him muddy boots-level intelligence on what the troops are talking

"I have the fortune of having these young leaders, who happen to be my sons and nephews, that talk to me about their soldiers," the Army's vice chief of staff said Thursday.

Cody's two sons are both captains and combat vets in the 101st Airborne Division. One is getting ready for his second combat tour, the other his third

Cody also has three nephews wearing Army green as well. One of them is down-

"So I get some direct input," Cody said. His boys offer glimpses of what troops wrestle with the traditional chain of command could never offer.

"There's not many layers between a fa-ther and his sons," Cody said. "I get some pretty good insights as to what's botherheir soldiers, why their soldiers would reenlist and why they won't reen-

- Jon R. Anderson

tising dollars are being thrown into the mix to help tilt the balance, Pace encouraged everyone in uniform to help in the effort.

"All of us should be talking about the value of service to country," Pace said. "Not just about military service to country, but about young folks finding a niche in this society where they can serve the country for some time, in my mind, pay back a little bit what they've gotten from this coun

Cody agrees. And key for convincing young folks is what he calls the "influencers

"We're seeing right now mothers and fathers and school teachers and other influencers that maybe are not talking about service to this nation," Cody said. "So, when you say, 'Army, you have a recruit-ing problem,' I say, 'America, you have a recruiting problem.'"

In the end, says Cody, it comes down to simple questions like, "What kind of Army do you want to have? Is service to this country important to you?'

Stretching the force

For those already in uniform, Cody said the Army must do a better job of providing good housing and basic quality of life, especially as the service adds 30,000 soldiers to its active ranks and 70,000 troops now forward-based in Europe and Asia are reposi-tioned back to the United States.

"The net result is going to have 100,000 more soldiers back in the continental Unit-ed States on the active side," said Cody, adding that existing bases will have to be expanded to handle the influx.

This comes, he said, even as the Army has had to mortgage base maintenance accounts to help fund the war in Iraq.

The Army he said has cut base funding by 30 percent. Four weeks ago, however, Army leaders decided to tighten their belt in other areas and have come up with about \$3 billion to reduce the base maintenance shortfall to 10 percent.

Meanwhile, the basic tools of the trade have taken a beating as well.

Cody said the Army has lost 79 aircraft, three companies worth of tanks, and three companies worth Bradley Fighting Vehicles over the past three and half years of non-stop combat that began with the invasion of Afghanistan.

"This fight," Cody said, "has taken a

If left unchecked, he said, that toll could have dire consequences

"If we as a country don't show our appre-ciation — and that appreciation is really in how well we resource them, how well we take care of the families, how well we get the balance right so that we can give some predictability into the Guard and Reserves as well as into our active force - then I think we will have stretched this all volun-While Cody stopped short of warning

that the military could have to return to a draft, some experts say that may not be too far over the horizon.

Close to breaking Some corners of Congress have already

been calling for a draft for more than a year now New York Rep. Charles Rangel, a Demo-

crat, introduced legislation last year call-ing for exactly that. Although his bill made no headway, the issue continues to receive debate as the war in Iraq drags on.

"The all-volunteer force is close to break-ing right now," said retired Maj. Gen. Edward Atkeson, now a prolific author on military affairs and a senior fellow at the Insti-tute of Land Warfare. "When it does break, that's when you'll see the draft come

Atkeson said cracks are already showing with the use of stop loss to keep troops in beyond their active contracts and massive reserve mobilizations.

"The worst-case scenario is that things just continue as they are.

1-27 soldiers take on Rocket Valley

Germany-based GIs train on systems at South Korea site

BY SETH ROBSON Stars and Strings

ROCKET VALLEY, South Korea — Germany-based rocketeers from Battery A, 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment trained in South Korea this week on the latest multiple launch rocket systems as part of the annual Reception, Staging Onward Movement and Integration exercise.

Thousands of U.S. troops, from both on and off the Peninsula, are participating in RSOI and another exercise, Foal Eagle, this month.

The Babenhausen, Germany-based 1-27 soldiers, who normally train on older M270 multiple launch rocket system (MLRS), arrived in South Korea two weeks ago and started training on the 2nd Infantry Division's state-of-the-art M270A1 MLRS, sad Battery A commander Capt. Will Daniel, 32, of Buckhannon, W.Va.

On Thursday, they fired the M270A1 for the first time at Rocket Valley, a training area near the Demilitarized Zone.

Each M270A1 launcher can fire up to 12 rockets in quick succession. The main advantage of the newer MLRS is its ability to move into position and fire more quickly than the M270. Daniel said.

"It is a matter of seconds, whereas the older models take two or three times as long," he said.

Nearby, a tracked MLRS prepared to move along a muddy road in Rocket Valley — a steep tree-filled ravine with a small

stream running down the middle.
The Grafenwöhr training area where
1-27 fires the MLRS in Germany has a couple of rolling hills, but it is flat compared to
Rocket Valley, Daniel said.

"It doesn't make a whole lot of difference. It is just a different firing solution," he added.

Battery A fire direction controller Sgt. Michael Pulbrook, 26, of Los Angeles, relays commands to MLRS crews depending on the type of round required and the type

of mission.

The launchers can shoot short-, medi-



OTOS BY SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

Above: A multiple launch rocket system crewed by soldiers from Battery A, 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment prepares to fire during training exercises at Rocket Valley, South Korea, on Thursday, Right: A soldier from Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 2nd Infantry Division Artillery prepares to launch a weather balloon during Thursday's training. Below: A U.S. Soldier stands guard during the exercise.

um- and long-range missiles. They can suppress enemy air defenses so helicopters can move into an area, do counter fire against enemy artillery units or go after targets of opportunity, he said. Shortly after he spoke, the MLRS units

shortly after he spoke, the MLRS units moved into firing positions in the valley. When the command was given, the rocket tubes pointed skyward at about a 45-degree angle and spun to face their targets at the far end of the mist-shrouded valley. Suddenly three brightly glowing rockets streaked through the sky, leaving smoky white vapor trails in their wake.

The rocket shoot was the culmination of weeks of work for Battery A supply specialist Spc. Joey Correnti, 25, of Red Desert, Wyo., who arrived ahead of the unit and assembled the equipment, vehicles and field rations for more than 80 soldiers.

Correnti said troops in South Korea have a different attitude from GIs in Germany. "The attitude is different because they have to be ready to go in a minute. We are a go in 72 hours to a week in Germany, but these guys would roll up the hill in an hour and a half and put rockets down range," he





USAFE announces 2004 award winners

said

Stars and Stripes

U.S. Air Forces in Europe has named the winners of its 2004 aviation resources management and aircrew life support awards. The aviation resources management award winners are:

■ Outstanding senior noncommissioned officer: Master Sgt. Yvonne B. Ferry, 31st Operations Support Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy;

Outstanding noncommissioned officer: Staff Sgt. Courtney A. Gordon, 31st OSS, Aviano;

■ Outstanding airman: Senior Airman Vanessa M. Brown, 470th Air Base Squadron, Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Germany;

■ Outstanding headquarters staff member: Master Sgt. Jillian E. Looman, USAFE headquarters, Ramstein Air Base, Germany;

■ Outstanding civilian supervisor: Dieter F. Sourisseaux, 86th OSS, Ramstein.

The air crew life support award winners are:

Outstanding unit: 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, England;
 Outstanding officer: Capt. Craig T. Barham, 494th Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath;

Outstanding noncommissioned officer: Tech. Sgt. Christopher S. Kelley, 23rd Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem;

Outstanding airman: Airman 1st Class Donald J. Morell, 510th FS, Aviano.

The winners will now compete at the Air Force level.

GI dies in Baumholder

A soldier with 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division died March 12 in Baumholder, Germany.

Maj. Michael Indovina, 1st AD public affairs officer, confirmed the death, but said he did not have the soldier's name. The incident is under investigation, Indovina said.

While Plume Award presented

John Dykema was recently presented with the White Plume Award — the most prestigious honor given by Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation — for more than 25 years of service as an MWR employee.

Dykema, he Installation Management Agency-Europe MWR Division nonappropriated one fund manager, received the award March 7 at a ceremony in Heidelberg, Germany. He has given consistent and superb service to MWR leadership and staff, and to soldiers and families for more than two decades, according to a press release.

Naples park reopens

NAPLES, Italy — The Carney Park recreational site reopened Friday, several weeks after mudslides blocked roads to the park.

Barriers erected for crews still working in the area narrowed the park access road to one lane. Officials encouraged drivers to use caution in a news release. Golfers can begin calling in tee times for this

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weekend. On Saturday and Sunday, the course will have 7:30 a.m. and noon shotgun starts.

While the Navy Outdoor Recreational Center in the park opened for business Friday, the regularly planned ski trip, trek and paintball events have been postponed until April 3.

Youth sports team selections and youth gymnastics will take place as planned on Saturday, and the Fairways Bar and Grill is open for the season, which runs May through September, officials said.

Further information is available by calling MWR Administration at DSN 626-4050.

Elvis exhibit in Germany

The Museum of Communication in Frankfurt, Germany, will feature more than 300 objects related to Elvis Presley during its "Elvis in Germany" exhibit. The pieces include such items as clothing, records and posters.

The pop icon was stationed in Germany when he was in the Army between 1958 and 1960. English-language tours start at 12:30 p.m. each

Engisti-tangdage tours start at 12-30 pin. each wednesday and at 4:30 p.m. on the following Sundays: March 20, April 3 and 17, May 1, 8 and 15. The Museum für Kommunikation is on Schaumainkai 53 in Frankfurt. Regular opening hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is 2 euros for adults. and 1 euro for

Admission is 2 euros for adults, and 1 euro for children 6-16 years. Children under 5 are free. For more information, call the museum at (+49) (0)69-60-60-130 or see its Web site: www.mspt.de. From staff reports.

Jordanian's alleged role in deadly blast fuels Shiite protest

BY SAMEER N. YACOUB The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - More than 2,000 Shiites marched Friday through Baghdad and some broke into the Jordanian Embassy and raised the Iraqi flag atop it to protest the alleged involvement of a Jordanian in Iraq's single deadliest suicide bombing — a Feb. 28 attack south of Baghdad that killed 125 neonle.

The protest came just two days after an influential Shiite leader claimed during Iraq's first National Assembly meeting that Jordan allegedly wasn't doing enough to prevent terrorists from slipping into Iraq

In another development, Shiite and Kurdish negotiators reported ly have agreed that the National should reconvene on March 26 to elect a president and his council, officials said.

At least 2,000 protesters converged on the Jordanian Embassy after finishing Friday prayers at three Shiite mosques around Baghdad. They burned Israeli and Jordanian flags and shouted slogans against King Abdullah II.

They chanted: "Take your embassy away! We do not want to see you!" and "There's no God but God, Abdullah is the enemy of God!

Three men in green camouflage were later seen on an ema makeshift flagpole. Another flagpole with a crown that previously held the Jordanian flag was

Iraqi police and special forces gathered outside the embassy but failed to prevent demonstrators from reaching the building. The demonstrators later dispersed. It was the largest anti-Jordanian demonstration in a week

Shiites have staged smaller protests in recent days after the Iraqi government on Monday condemned celebrations allegedly held by the family of a Jordanian man suspected of carrying out a terrorist attack that killed 125 people in the city of Hillah. Nearly all the victims were Shiite police and army recruits.

Jordanian government spokeswoman Asma Khader said her country condemned all terrorism and reconfirmed her govern-ment's solidarity with the Iraqi neonle.

government condemns strongly any attack against the Iraqi people, in particular the hideous massacre of Hillah which killed scores of innocent people," Khader said. "We have put [in place] intensive measures to track those terrorists and there is security coordination with Iraq to protect the borders of both countries

Meanwhile, Shiite and Kurdish negotiators reportedly



Iraqi demonstrators push through a police line on their way to the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad on Friday, More than 2,000 Shiites marched through the streets to protest the alleged involvement of a Jordanian in a Feb. 28 suicide attack south of Baghdad that killed 125 people.

agreed the National Assembly should reconvene on March 26 to elect a president, officials said Fri-

The latest deal came amid reports that not all Kurds were satisfied with assurances given by the Shiite-dominated United Iraqi alliance over the oil-rich city of Kirkuk and a Kurdish militia

Although Iraqis voted on Jan. 30 to elect 275 people to represent them in their first freely elected

parliament in recent memory, the Kurds and Shiites that emerged as the country's main power brokers have been unable to form a coalition government.

The interim constitution sets no time limit for forming a govern ment after the National Assembly convenes.

But once a president and vice presidents are elected, a prime minister must be chosen within

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday at least 1,518 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1.156 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is seven higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Thursday

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,380 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1.047 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's num-

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths reported. The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Spc. Paul M. Helt-39, Baton Rouge, La.; killed Tuesday while on patrol when an explosive detonated in Baghdad; assigned to the Na-tional Guard. 2nd Battalion. 156th Infantry Regiment, 256th Brigade Combat Team. Eunice, La

■ Army Staff Sgt. Ricky Kieffer, 36, Ovid, Mich.; killed Tuesday by small arms fire in Baghdad; assigned to the National Guard, 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery Regiment, Detroit.

Report: Army reviewing spike in Humvee mishaps

Stars and Strings

Army officials tracking Humvee problems have seen sharp increases in rollover accidents and deaths in recent months, according to a report in USA Today.

The paper reported that the Army is trying to determine whether the spike in accidents is because of the increased use of the vehicles, the inexperience of the drivers, or the shifting weight caused by armor plat-

According to a USA Today analysis of Army records, the numbers of serious vehicle accidents and fatalities in Iraq in the last four months have doubled from the four months prior.

So far this year 14 soldiers have been killed in accidents involving Humvees or

The most recent rollover death occurred on March 11. Army Spc. Nicholas Eugene Wilson, a member of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division based at Camp Casey, South Korea, died near Ramadi when his Humvee rolled off the road

The March issue of Countermeasure, the Army's ground safety magazine, includes a look at the problem titled "On a Roll to

and into a water-filled ditch

Die" and includes tips like wearing seat belts and securing loose equipment to avoid serious injuries in a rollover acci-

USA Today reports that the Army is developing a four-hour driving course for soldiers, particularly those being sent to Iraq, to cover safety and rollover concerns.

Records on Marine Humvee accidents were not available.

U.S. crew helps free vessel

ARLINGTON, Va. — A U.S. Coast cut-ter, the USCGC Munro, and two British ships saved the crew of a Thai fishing vessel Thursday that had been hijacked by three Somali crewmembers in the Gulf of Aden Wednesday night. After learning from the International

Maritime Bureau's Piracy Reporting Cen ter in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, that the hi jackers had taken over and were demand ing an \$800,000 ransom, crev Munro — with support from the HMS Invin-cible and HMS Nottingham — boarded the Thai-flagged Sirichai Nava 12 around noon on Thursday and freed the hostages

The Munro is deployed to the region as part of Combined Task Force 150, a coalition maritime force working in the Horn of Africa, the North Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Oman.

From staff reports

Swedish citizen kidnapped in Iraq released

BY MATTIAS KAREN The Associated Press

Sweden Iragi-born Swedish national kidnapped in Iraq more than a month ago has been freed, police said Thursday.

Minas Ibrahim al-Vousifi was released early Friday, Swedish lawmaker Cecilia Wikstroem said after speaking by telephone to his family.

"He was very relieved but worn out. He's tired, of course, and needs to rest."

Wikstroem said the family did not say whether a ransom had been paid, but she said: "I think that's the case. But I don't have it confirmed.

She said al-Yousifi called his children Friday morning after being freed. "This is a dream come true for them," she said. A spokeswoman for Sweden's National

Police also confirmed his release Al-Yousifi's kidnappers, who called

themselves "The Martyr al-Isawy Bri-gades," had threatened to decapitate al-Yousifi if they weren't paid a \$3 million ransom and given a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops.

He was shown on a videotape broadcast Feb. 17, an assault rifle pointed at his head, and in a videotape made public March 2 saying he expected to be killed.

He was shown pleading for his life and appealing to Pope John Paul II and Sweden's king to help win his release.

Al-Yousifi reportedly was the leader of an Iraqi political group, the Christian

Democratic Party. Sweden's Foreign Ministry has been tight-lipped about the case, saying only

that it had been using diplomatic channels to negotiate al-Yousifi's release. The Scandinavian country's ambassador to Iraq is based in neighboring Jordan.

Wikstroem said al-Yousifi planned to give a news conference Saturday in Bagh-

More than 200 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq, and more than 30 have been killed

An Italian journalist, Giuliana Sgrena, was released two weeks ago after a month in captivity.



Bazaar dealers come to troops in Afghanistan

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Stripes

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan - Once every week, U.S. ser-vicemembers get a chance to browse through local merchandise without crossing the perimeter fence

Friday is bazaar day at American compounds in Bagram and Kabul. Dozens of local merchants

set up stalls at designated spots with the goal of separating Americans from their dollars. In return vendors the offer carpets scarves, jewelswords

knives and various items made from wood brass and stone. Sgt. 1st Class

Napoleon Cunningham, a soldier from Babenhausen, Germasaid he's been in country only about three weeks.

"I've been here every week that I've been Bagram]," he said, motioning to the nearby stalls that his wife in Germany. were somewhat

hidden under a series of plastic covers designed to keep out most

Sgt. 1st Class Napoleon

He was the one shopping, but his wife, Michaela, back in Germany was the one benefiting.
"It's basically all for her," he said of the bag in his hand. "Ex-

Yes, the movies. The DVDs, featuring hundreds of options from American television and cinema, obviously aren't of Afghan origin. Some of those around the bazaar say the DVDs are probably from Pakistan

Some are pretty good copies. buyers say. Others aren't. But because it costs just a few dollars to

get DVDs that sometimes feature four or five movies - including some still making first runs

in the States not many customers seem to be complaining. haven't tried mine yet,"

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Rogel Pagaduan said. He was referring to DVDs he had bought a week earlier. This week, he paid each for three blankets.

"I think it's a pretty good deal," he said.

But maybe not as good as the one Capt. Peter Cunningham takes advantage of Santos said he got. He purthe bazaar Friday on Bagram Air Base to buy gifts to send back to chased five carved wooden

chests each personally engraved with a name - for much less than he would

have paid in Germany. "I'm going to come and pick them up in two weeks," he said. "I

got one for each member of my



Above: The bazaar at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, features a wide array of goods from local vendors. Bazaars are held every Friday at Bagram and Kabul, and on Saturdays at Kandahar. Below: Soldiers carry away treasures bought at the bazaar.

Many purchases come after some haggling. The buyers often end up paying more than they would if they were in a village off base, but those kinds of shopping opportunities come rarely, it ever. The sellers admit they're making more off the troops than they could off base

"I can sell more here." said Avatollah Noure, who was offering a variety of locally made carpets He characterized business as "not had "

He said some of the carpets he sells take a month to make. Some take three months. Like many merchants, he spends about half the week selling wares at different coalition military compounds around the region.

Maj. John Tammes said the ba-

zaar is a good deal for merchants, servicemembers and local villages. Merchants pay the equivalent of about \$180 each time they come on base. The military puts that money into a local bank before using it to fund a variety of local projects.

He said there are 133 total slots for merchants at Bagram, with most limited to selling their goods every two weeks. They often line up their trucks on Thursday afternoons outside the gate to get a good spot for the next day.



Staff Sgt. Clint Kramer said a group of soldiers at Bagram takes a look at the merchandise before it goes on sale.

We walk through to make sure they aren't selling merchandise that's prohibited and not going to clear customs " he said

Even those responsible for checking items get a chance to

There's a lot of good junk out there," said Spc. Don Henry, a member of Kramer's customs crew.

Two men indicted in \$4M KBR contract fraud case

BY CHARLES R. BABCOCK The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A former manager for a Halliburton Co. subsidiary and an alleged accomplice in Kuwait defrauded the U.S. government out of nearly \$4 million by inflating the price of supplying fuel tankers for military operations in Kuwait in 2003, prosecutors said Thursday.

The 10-count indictment, returned Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Illinois, is believed to be the first criminal case of contracting fraud stemming from the war in Iraq, officials said. Halliburton, which Vice President Dick Chenev headed from 1995 to Employee, accomplice allegedly inflated price of supplying fuel tankers for military operations in Kuwait in 2003

2000, is one of the government's largest contractors there.

Jan Paul Miller, the U.S. attorney for the Central District of Illinois, said in an interview that the investigation began about a year ago after Kellogg Brown & Root Inc., which holds a giant logistics contract to supply military needs in the Middle East, informed the government it had suspicions of wrongdoing.

According to the indictment. Jeff Alex Mazon, 36, who worked for KBR in Kuwait, schemed with Ali Hijazi, of La Nouvelle General Trading & Contracting Co., to assure La Nouvelle would win a contract for storing and dispensing fuel at a military airport in Ku-wait. KBR had estimated the work would cost about \$685,000, and La Nouvelle bid \$1.67 million, the government said. Mazon then allegedly inflated that and another bid by a factor of 3.3 and awarded the contract to Hijazi's firm for \$5.5 million - nearly \$4 million more than the company's

original bid

Around September 2003, soon after Mazon left KBR, Hijazi allegedly gave Mazon a \$1 million check for his favorable treatment of La Nouvelle.

Each man was charged with four counts of fraud against the United States and six counts of wire fraud.

Mazon who was arrested Wednesday in Georgia, appeared in court Thursday in Atlanta before being sent to Illinois for an arraignment hearing, according to

Sharon Paul, a spokeswoman for Miller's office

An Army command in Rock Island, Ill., administered the logistics contract.

Democrats in Congress have criticized Halliburton's work supporting the war in Iraq, especially a separate \$2.5 billion no-bid contract to repair oil fields. Auditors turned up \$1.8 billion in "unsupported costs" in the \$10.5 billion logistics contract cited in the indictment, which KBR won on a competitive bid. Despite those findings and a recommendation to withhold some of the payments, the Army decided month to continue paying Halliburton in full, plus performance honuses

Judge orders removal of Schiavo's feeding tube

Congress reportedly subpoenas brain-damaged Fla. woman

The Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. - The presiding judge in the case of Terri Schiavo ruled Friday that the feeding tube keeping the brain-damaged woman alive must be removed, despite efforts by congressional Republicans to block the move by seeking her appearance at hearings

Pinellas Circuit Judge George Greer refused a request from U.S. House attorneys to delay the removal, which he had previously ordered to take place at 1 p.m. . Greer determined that it should go forward about an hour

after another judge issued a temporary delay blocking the tube's removal

"I have had no cogent reason why the [congressional] commit-tee should intervene." Greer told attorneys in a conference call. adding that last-minute action by Congress does not invalidate years of court rulings.

Attorneys seeking to block the removal vowed to appeal.

Michael Schiavo has waged a yearslong court battle with his parents-in-law, contending his wife, who doctors say has been in a persistent vegetative state since 1990, would not want to live that way. Her parents dispute that, and say she could get better. The tube has been removed

twice in the past and then rein-serted as the battle continued.

Friday's ruling came after U.S. Senate and House committees in the Republican-controlled Congress issued subpoenas for Schiavo, her husband, and her caregivers to appear at hearings on March 25 and March 28, which would in effect keep her alive for the time being.

The Pinellas Park hospice where Schiavo lives received a subpoena Friday morning. spokeswoman Louise Cleary said. Officials there did not say who was subpoenaed or disclose their next steps.

"It is a contempt of Congress to prevent or discourage someone from following the subpoena that's been issued," David Gibbs, the attorney for her parents, said Friday. "What the U.S. Congress is saying is, 'We want to see Terri Schiavo "The family is prayerfully excit-

ed about their daughter going before the United States Congress for the whole world to see how

alive she is ' Howard Simon executive direc-

tor of the American Civil Liberties Union's Florida office, had said that his group's attorneys were working with Michael Schia- 44 Terry Schiavo is ruling.

vo's attorneys to determine the efalive. She's as fect of the subalive as you and "This is clear-

ly an effort to circumvent a lawful court order by a state judge." Simon said. "I am not sure how a subpoena, which is ordinarily done produce records or some-

body to testify. can essentially have the effect of an injunction overriding the orders of a court.

Terri Schiavo's father. Bob Schindler, went into the Woodside

Hospice in Pinellas Park at about 9:30 a.m. to visit his daughter. Outside the hospice, about 30 people keeping vigil dropped to

their knees in prayer when word

spread of Greer's "What can wash

away our sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus," they sang. House Majority

Leader DeLay, R-Texas, told reporters in Washington that removal of the tube amounted to "barbarism" that the hearings would at least temporarily

Tom DeLay nrevent House Majority Leader

"Terry Schiavo is alive. She's as alive as you and I. As such, we have a moral obligation to protect and de-

fend her," DeLay said. "This is not over."



A Florida Circuit Court judge ordered the removal of a feeding tube for Terri Schiavo, pictured above with her mother. Earlier Friday, U.S. Senate Republicans reportedly issued subpoenas for Schiavo and her husband to testify before the Health Committee.

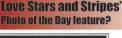
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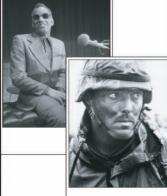
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leads Islamic service

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A female professor led an Islamic prayer service Friday with men in the congregation despite sharp criticism from Muslim religious leaders in the Middle East who complained that it violated centuries of tradition

Amina Wadud, a professor of Islamic studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, led the service at Synod House at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, an Episcopal church in

Manhattan.
"The issue of gender equality is a very important one in Islam, and Muslims have unfortunately used highly restric tive interpretations of history to move backward," Wadud said before the service. "With this prayer service, we are moving forward."

About 80 to 100 people attended the service, and the group appeared evenly divided between men and women.

The event was meant to draw attention to the inequality for women in Muslim spiritual life and Muslim life in general, said Asra Q. Nomani, an author and former Wall Street Journal reporter who is the lead organizer of the prayer.

There was a brief outburst from some protesters outside the building at the start of the service, but they were kept from entering by police. Some critics have accused

Nomani of using the event to publicize a book she has written about women and Islam.

The sheik of Cairo's Al-Azhar mosque said Islam permits women to lead other women in prayer, but not a congregation with men in it.

"A woman's body is pri-vate," Sheik Sayed Tantawi wrote in a column in the Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram in which he was asked about Wadud's planned prayer. "When she leads men in prayer, in this case, it's not proper for them to look at the woman whose body is in front of them. Even if they see it in their daily life, it shouldn't be in situations of worship, where the main point is humility and modesty.

Woman Letterman worker charged in plot

Man allegedly planned to kidnap 'Late Show' host's baby, nanny

BY JOHN MACDONALD The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. - David Letand his girlfriend thanked law enforcement officials for uncovering a plot to kidnap their 16-month-old son from their Montana ranch, saving they were "forev-er grateful."

The man charged Thursday with hatching the scheme, Kelly A. Frank worked as a painter at the talk-show host's

2,700-acre

spread near the rugged Rocky Mountain Front. The 43-year-old Frank, according to police, had planned to hold the boy and his nanny for \$5 million ransom.

In a statement issued by the publicist for Letterman's production company, Worldwide Pants, Letterman and his girlfriend, Regina Lasko, praised the FBI and local authorities.

"We will be forever grateful for their tireless efforts and determination to vigorously pursue this situation," the couple said in the statement

Steven Rubenstein, a spokesman for Worldwide Pants, said he could not comment on whether Letterman's family was in Montana at the time of Frank's arrest.

Mike Ferriter of the state Deartment of Corrections said Frank had been working as a painter at Letterman's ranch west of Choteau in north-central Montana and apparently confided in an acquaintance earlier this month of his plan to kidnap Letterman's son and nanny for ransom. According to the affidavit filed

by Teton County Attorney Joe Coble, Frank had told the acquaintance that he knew Letterman and his family would be visiting their Montana home soon, and that Frank had a key to the house, knew where the baby slept and intended to kidnap the nanny "so that she could take care of the

The acquaintance contacted au-



"Late Show" host David Letterman and his girlfriend, Regina Lasko. thanked authorities for their efforts. Police charged a man Thursday on allegations he was plotting to kidnap Letterman's young son and nanny from the talk-show host's Montana home.

thorities Sunday, according to the affidavit. Sheriff George Anderson told the weekly Choteau Acantha newspaper that Frank was arrested the following morning at another area ranch where he was

working. Besides the felony solicitation charge. Frank is charged with felony theft for allegedly overcharging Letterman for painting, and a misdemeanor charge of obstruction for lying to an investigator about the alleged plot.

Frank is jailed in neighboring Pondera County on \$600,000 bail Associated Press writer Len Iwansk contributed to this story.



Lil' Kim. whose real name is Kimberly Jones, leaves Manhattan federal court Thursday in New York. Kim was convicted of perjury and conspiracy in connection with a shootout outside a Manhattan radio station in 2001.

Rapper Lil' Kim facing jail time for perjury conviction

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Grammy-winning hip-hop

star Lil' Kim could face years in prison when she is sentenced in June for lying about a

shootout outside a radio station Her convictions Thursday on three counts of perjury and one of conspiracy each carry terms of up to five years in prison, but as a first-time offender she was expected to receive far less than 20 years. Any term would make

her the first major female rapper to do time. The 29-year-old performer, known for her raunchy raps and revealing outfits, was acquit-

ted of obstruction of justice. She and her assistant, who also was convict ed, shook their heads as the verdicts were delivered, and supporters broke out in sobs. Lil' Kim declined to comment outside court,

but in a statement issued later, she said she was "disappointed" by the verdict.

"Throughout my life, I have always lived

with adversity and will continue to have faith and do good for my family, friends and fans," she said

Both women are free on bond and will be sentenced June 24

didn't notice two close friends at the scene of the 2001 gun battle — her manager, Damion Butler, and Suif "Gutta" Jackson. Both men have since pleaded guilty to gun charges The shootout occurred outside WQHT, known as Hot 97, when Lil' Kim's entourage crossed paths with a rival rap group, Ca-

late Notorious B.I.G. had testified that she

pone-N-Noreaga. Kim's entourage confronted them about the song "Bang, Bang" from a Ca-pone-N-Noreaga album, which contained a scathing insult to Kim from her longtime rival, Foxy Brown. A shootout erupted, leaving one man injured.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Cathy Seibel told ju-rors that the 4-foot-11 Lil' Kim had repeatedly lied to them, just as she did to the grand jury

The prosecutor belittled the defense claim that the sunglasses-wearing Lil' Kim didn't notice her two close friends at the scene of the crime. "You would have to believe they were magic sunglasses that only block out your friends who were shooting people," Seibel told the jury.

Hot 97 is the same station where the posses

of 50 Cent and The Game traded bullets last



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IN THE WORLD

Putin holding talks with three European leaders

BY CHRISTINE OLLIVIER The Associated Press

PARIS - Russian President Vladimir Putin met with his French counterpart

Chirac in Paris on Friday before informal talks with three European leaders on prickly issues such as democratic reform in Russia and the nuclear aspirations of Iran. Chirac greeted Putin at the Ely-

see Palace, where military guards in plumed hats stood at attention. The two leaders were having lunch one-on-one — an opportunity for Chirac to raise difficult issues without putting Putin on the spot in front of others.

A full schedule was planned for Putin before the talks with Chirac, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapate-

At the Elysee, Putin and Chirac greeted Russian writers taking part in the annual Paris book fair As a teenager, Chirac studied Russian and translated a few classics of the language, and Putin thanked him for his "love and devotion" to the country's literature.

Later. Putin will have a private tour of a French defense center for air operations in Taverny, north of Paris. That visit was seen



French President Jacques Chirac, right, guides Russian President Vladimir Putin after lunch Friday at the Elysee Palace in Paris.

as a repaid favor after Chirac in April became the first Western leader to tour Russia's ton-secret

Titov space control center. Friendly persuasion were the bywords of the daylong visit.

France sees the outstretched hand as the best way to elicit change, especially since Russia is now at the European Union's door-

Eight former Soviet bloc countries joined the EU in May. The three European leaders "consider that they must have a re-lationship of confidence with Russia and avoid ... a situation where Russia would be isolated," said Thomas Gomart, a specialist on Russia with the French Institute of International Relations

A range of potentially sensitive sues were likely to be discussed during Friday's talks. They included Putin's perceived backsliding on democracy in Russia, as well as Irag, the Middle East peace process and Iran's suspected nuclear

EU seeks to sharpen its military response

BY PAUL AMES The Associated Press

LUXEMBOURG - European Union defense ministers opened talks Friday aiming to halve the time it takes to send elite battlegroups to international troubles-

EU officials want to secure backing from ministers to ensure that the 1,500-strong rapid-response units which the EU is setting up to snuff out potential crises can be ready to deploy within five days of the bloc deciding to launch a mission.

The previous target was 10 days. The EU agreed in November to set up 13 such battlegroups by 2007 as a key component of the bloc's drive to build up an effective military wing. The first such unit, led by Britain, is already primed for EU missions.

"It's important ... that we continue the work on European defense and in particular building capabil-ities," British Defense Secretary Geoffrey Hoon told reporters ahead of the meeting.

The ministers also will look at how to better coordinate the EU's military response to natural disasters in the light of the Asian tsunami disaster. EU officials were im-

U.S. military units to deploy to areas around the Indian Ocean hit by the waves

Ministers will have a preliminary discussion on how Europe can more rapidly mobilize military resources to support civilian aid efforts in disaster areas.

New EU nations in eastern Europe are expected to press the bloc to consider a request from the Georgian government for the EU to help monitor Georgia's northern border with Russia.

Opposition from Moscow forced the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to end its six-year monitoring mission on the border. The Baltic states of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania are leading calls for the EU to take over the mission, but other EU members are reluctant.

Officials said the EU would likely send two or three observers to Georgia around the end of this month to establish a presence in the country. They did not rule out sending a larger mission. However, European diplomats

expressed hope the Georgian and Russian governments could agree themselves on measures to reduce tensions on the border, per-haps at a summit meeting in May.

Nuclear smugglers

KIEV, Ukraine - Ukrainian weapons dealers smuggled 18 nuclear-capable cruise missiles to Iran and China during Leonid Kuchma's rule, prose cutors said Friday, adding to mounting evidence of high-level corruption under the watch of the former leader already linked to possible illicit arms sales to Ir

The Associated Press had reported exclusively Feb. 3 that a government probe into lucrative illicit weapons sales by officials loval to Kuchma had led to secret indictments or arrests of at least six arms dealers accused of selling missiles to Iran and China

Chemical charges

AMSTERDAM.

lands - A Dutch businessman accused of complicity in genocide for selling chemicals to Iraq in the 1980s knew that Saddam Hussein might use them as weapons, prosecutors said at his first public hearing Friday.

The case is seen as a landmark because it would be the first time a businessman has been prosecuted for war crimes by a national court.

Frans van Anraat, 62, was not required to enter a plea or make a statement at the pretrial hearing.

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Blacks have opportunities

In response to "Why black enlistments dropped" (letter, March 14), I have seen nothing but positive steps in the services to promote and give career and educational opportunities to blacks as well as [those of different] nationalities.

To say that blacks can't overcome social and political elements due to their pigmentation is nothing more than an all-too-eager response to bring up feelings

that simply are not part of today's military. Military services promote blacks as much as their white counterparts. The military gives everyone excellent opportunities to better themselves. It is up to the individual to take those opportunities and utilize them

The military doesn't prevent you from feeling welcomed or accepted; you are keeping yourself that way with a negative point of view that is well left in the past

Vanessa Rock Hohenfels, Germany

Don't include me in 'we'

In response to the writer of "Why black enlistments dropped" (letter, March 14). there are several things I need to make very clear

You raised your right hand; no one forced you to join. I'm really wondering if the writer read what he wrote before he sent it and, what is more disturbing, Stripes printed it.

Do not use the word "we"; you do not sneak for me or blacks.

You might step to the side until being called upon, [but] I lead by example, that's from the front

What's this about "we" being exposed to the environment and situation at hand? Last time I checked, America elects its leaders and it did away with dictatorship, and you can practice the religion of your choice and say what you have said without fear of persecution

I have no discontent or dissatisfaction: it's what you make of it. Blacks have been attending institutions

of higher learning; this is not something that just happened

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Next time you are in your window to re-enlist, please don't. I think "we" can make it without you.

One more thing: one-parent household, four graduated from college.
Staff Sgt. Antonio D. Releford

Proud to serve

I was disappointed to learn that the Army's bonuses and educational benefits do "meet the standards" of [one letter writer's] "pride and dignity." ("Why black enlistments dropped," letter, March 14).

Perhaps I have lower standards. I am proud to serve my country and will re-enlist as soon as my window opens.

Sgt. James Anderson Camp Liberty, Iraq

Schweinfurt, Germany

Right to an opinion

I would like to respond to the recent letters concerning the comic "Doonesbury. I have noticed that most of the recent letter writers have missed out on the most important part of all this: Everyone has a

right to their opinion whether you like it or I personally do not like "Doonesbury

for its left-wing propaganda, but I will not request any paper to remove it from its editorial section because some people do like

it. I also believe in freedom of speech, which also entails with it the freedom to choose. I read a recent letter in which the author quoted a Vermont editor about "letters to the editor opening the mouths of fools." I would like to point out that this

runs true on both sides, not just conserva

tives to which the letter writer was allud-

ing.

Staff Sgt. Andres E. Redondo Camp Taii, Iraa

Combat arms troops special

I used to be in the infantry but I have changed my military occupational special-ty to military police, and I do not think anyone but combat arms should get the Combat Infantryman Badge.

You may see combat several times, but that is not your job to do just that, and only that, if you are not combat arms. You are in support of some kind and you support the combat MOSs, and that is your job. You do get a unit patch on your right

sleeve signifying you were in a combat situation. Why is that not good enough? If you are not in an MOS that trains only

for combat, then you are in a support posi-tion. The guys in combat MOSs deserve the extra award. They are different and special. I know that might be difficult to hear in this day and age when everyone [thinks they] deserve what everyone else

Everyone deserves awards for what they do above and beyond, and a lot of credit is due to all the support MOSs. Regardless of the situation, if I were to see combat now I would not deserve any extra award because I am in a combat support MOS and I support in any way I can. If that means standing right beside them, then that is where I will be.

If you are attached to an airborne unit, are you given airborne wings? Oh, that's right, you have to go to school first, thereby changing your MOS. So what is the difference? The answer: There is none. They are special, deal with it.

Sgt. Joshua Frischman Heidelberg, Germany

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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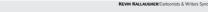
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After a decade of quiet, inflation wakes

Experts: Americans will pay price as rates rise, Fed reacts

winds are

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Senior economist, Wells

Fargo & Co., Minneapolis

Scott Anderson

BY MIKE MEYERS

Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

For several years now, consumers have been living in a shopper's paradise. But 2005 may be the

year paradise is lost.

The long, quiet period for inflation, in which every rise in price for one set of the processor of th

every rise in price for one set of goods and services, such as auto repairs or dry cleaning, has been offset by reductions in prices elsewhere, such as for cars and clothes, looks to have come to an end. "There are

brewing inflation pressures," said Scott Anderson, senior economist at Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis. "The economic winds are changing. A lot of forces

that had kept prices contained are now moving in the opposite direction"

Peter Kretzmer, senior economist at Bank of America, agrees that the past 10 years, and particularly the first few years of this century, which featured the kind of ultra-low inflation not seen in the United States since the Beatles first arrived, have run their

course.
"That period has ended, replaced by very mild inflation," Kretzmer said.
What that inflation does to the

nation's economy may have as much to do with how the Federal Reserve reacts to it - with just-right series of interest rate increases to keen prices under control but the economy undamaged, or with recession-inducing overkill that punctures the along economy with inflation.

"The Fed is beginning to become a little concerned," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist of Glo-

bal Insight, a leading economic forecasting firm. Global Insight earlier had expected the Fed to stop raising short-term interest rates by the middle of 2005, but Behravesh now foresees interest rate hikes through the end of the year.

"I don't think it's anything serious — yet," he said of the rate



Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan takes his seat prior to testifying before the Senate Special Aging Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday. Economists say "the Fed is beginning to become a little concer

moves.

Bond traders apparently also believe the Fed vill keep up the drumbeat of higher interest rates for some time to come. That's the only explanation, in the view of analysts, for long-term rates remaining relatively low — in the range of 4.3 percent for a 10-year Treasury bond — in the face of higher short-term interest rates and increasing signs of inflationary pres-

"As next round of [inflation] numbers comes in, it will become more clear we're going higher, not lower." said Kenneth Goldstein. economist at the Conference Board, a business research organization based in New York City. "Watch that [10-year] bond yield pop. It easily could go to 5 [per-

There are ample reasons for Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan to have some worries about what's ahead on the inflation front

Last week, the government reported a sharper-than-expected rise in producer prices — a bellwether of consumer prices in the months ahead.

Meanwhile, the decline in the value of the U.S. dollar, a trend that's been in place for nearly three years, is forcing U.S. consumers to pay more for some imported goods. Foreign firms, wary of losing market share, had resisted trying to raise prices until recently.

"Obviously, [foreign] companies can take a hit on their profit margins if they think the dollar decline is a temporary phenomenon," Anderson said. "But if they think it's sticking, they'll try to push through price increases." In January, the price of imported goods from industrialized countries — excluding China, which still ties the value of its currency to the dollar — was 6.7 percent higher than a year earlier.

Within the United States, the labor market is starting to create more jobs and workers are getting harder to find in some industries, Anderson said.
"We could see some stronger

wage and salary increases" in 2005, Anderson said, and companies will try to pass along at least some of those costs through higher prices.

The prices of the commodities

that many firms buy, and which make up their second-largest cost after labor, also have spiked higher.

Until lately, manufacturers were hard-pressed to pass along higher prices to recoup what they are paying for everything from lumber and steel to chemicals and paper.

For example, new vehicle prices in 2004 were lower than in 2003, and the prices in 2003 were less than in 2002. The last time vehicle prices went up year over year, after taking the effects of inflation into account, was in 2000, according to government fleures.

"The car story is the most stark and remarkable" example of the quiet inflation environment so far in this century, Goldstein said.

This year, automakers are trying to raise car and truck prices so far, with mixed success.

The turnaround is in force for used vehicles, however. The average sale price on used cars and trucks in the past couple months was 1 to 1.5 percent higher than a year earlier. That might not sound like much, but in January 2004, used vehicle prices were about 10 percent lower than in the same period a year earlier.

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Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Balancing credit cards

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NEW YORK — That unpaid balance on your credit card can really hurt your finances.

Most people know that if you make only the minimum monthly payment on your card, it can take you months — or even years — longer than you had intended before you can finally pay off the balance. But how bad is that, really? Say you have \$3,000 in debt on a credit card with a 15 percent interest rate. You figure you can do better meeting your monthly expenses, and even put a little aside for sayings, if you only pay \$75 per

month on the card.

At that rate, if you never again

add to the card's balance, you'll pay off the card in 18 years. And you'll also pay a walloping \$2,757.81 in interest! Ouch. To pay off your debt faster,

you might try several approaches:

Switch your remaining credit-card balances to a credit card with a lower interest rate.

■ Pay more than your monthly minimum. Allot as much as you can reasonably spend toward your bill each month.

■ Limit your credit card use, of course. Try to stick with cash or your debit card.

■ To find out how much your credit-card balance is costing you, check out the credit card calculator at Bankrate.com.



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s to low 60s Saturday lows in the mid 40s.

Britain, Ireland: Partly cloudy to cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s to mid 60s. Saturday lows in the mid 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s. Saturday lows in the 30s.

France: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Saturday lows in mid 40s

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rain. Highs in the low 40s to low 50s. Saturday lows in the low

Southern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50s. Saturday lows in the low to mid 40s.

Hungary: Cloudy with rainshowers.
Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday lows in the mid 20s.

Northern Italy: Partly cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the low to mid 60s. Saturday lows in the upper 30s to low 40s.

Southern Italy: Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s to low 70s. Saturday lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Saturday lows in the upper

Norway: Cloudy with snow and rain. Highs in the mid 20s to mid 30s. Saturday lows in the mid teens to low 30s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy in the morning, becoming cloudy with rain in the evening. Highs in the mid 60s to mid 70s. Saturday lows in the low 40s to upper 50s.

Turkey: Sunny becoming mostly cloudy in the evening. Highs in the low 60s to upper 70s. Saturday lows in the mid 30s to mid 40s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather Squadron home

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Toll-road blues

NH MERRIMACK -Local motorists are disappointed that the discount tokens they use to pay ramp tolls at three exits in town are one step closer to being eliminated

"The town of Merrimack is very disappointed that the House saw fit to eliminate the token and discount, Selectmen Chairman Dick Hinch said.

Merrimack motorists must pay 50-cent tolls at Exit 10, 11 and 12 of the Everett Turnpike, Eliminating the tokens is part of the plan to implement E-Z Pass in New Hamp-

"There has to be some consideration given to the residents of Merrimack, ... You pay to get out and you pay to get in. There is no other town in the state like it," Hinch said, calling the ramp tolls "un-

The legislation passed by the House would eliminate the highway tokens, which provide a 50 percent discount. The measure must be passed by the Senate and signed by the governor to take effect.

Schools scan visitors

HOUSTON - More than 400 schools in 14 districts in the Houston area have gone high-tech when it comes to identifying and keeping track of campus

The new system, called V-soft or visitor, student or faculty tracking — is a Web-based software program that can flag visitors who are known sex offenders. The system also keeps a log of when visitors arrive and leave campus, and alerts school officials to people who should not be on campus. The computer software gets visi-

tors' personal information by scanning their driver's license or state ID card. This information is checked against the Texas Department of Public Safety's database for registered sex offenders.

Sky-high deck to reopen

NY NEW YORK — A 70-story-high observation deck at Rockefeller Center will reopen this fall after a \$75 million renovation, the complex's co-owner said.

The deck, atop 30 Rockefeller Center, has been closed since 1986, when the Rainbow Room restaurant expanded into its space. It is expected to draw about 2 million visitors a year, according to Tishman Speyer Properties, co-owners of Rockefeller Center

Views from the open-air deck will encompass most of the city, including Central Park and the skyscrapers of midtown and lower Manhattan

At 850 feet above street level it will be the city's second-highest observatory (the highest is atop the Empire State Building, which is about 200 feet higher)

Smoking ban advances

TRENTON — Gamblers



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

smoke on Atlantic City casino floors or inside fraternal organizations under a measure passed by a New Jersey Senate committee

Lawmakers voted 7-0 for the measure, which also covers restaurants, bars and offices

Representatives from the Casino Association of New Jersey said a ban would drive away gamblers and harm the state's economy.

If the ban in New Jersev is passed, the state would join New York, Massachusetts, California and a handful of others that prohibit smoking in indoor public places.

Goat keeper charged

CHARLESTON — A man who allegedly left a trail of dead goats through several states has lost custody of his 200-plus remaining animals pending the outcome of animal cruelty cases in Ohio and West Virginia.

Christopher Weathersbee, 64, fled to West Virginia with 16 of his goats, including a dead one he'd been storing in a freezer, in late February amid an impoundment and seizure by agents in Scioto County, Ohio.

Ohio agents found an estimated 80 goat carcasses on his rented property - including one in the house and another nine in a freezer, according to Teresa Landon, director of the Ohio Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



Reaching new height Dewan Commodore, a Middletown High School senior, clears a strap used for the bar as he practices his high-jump technique during the second week of spring training at would not be allowed to the school in Middletown, Ohio.

Shrimp is big find

BOISE — Biologists with the Idaho National Guard have discovered a new species of fairy shrimp living in the oft-dry lake beds of Idaho's desert.

Though they look delicate enough to match their name, they are strong enough to survive, unhatched, for years in the baking heat of summer and the frozen tundra of winter until enough rain falls and the pools return. Once they awaken they live a few frenzied weeks, mating and leaving behind tiny cystlike offspring, then

"This is a large, predatory fairy shrimp. This guy is about 3 inches long. That is huge for a fairy shrimp," biologist Dana Ouinney said Tuesday during a news conference announcing the discovery.

Ex-dead man on mend

NC LOUISBURG — A man who was hit by a car and mistakenly declared dead is out of the hospital and continuing his recovery in a rehabilitation center. relatives said.

Larry Green was hit by a car the night of Jan. 24 as he walked home after buying beer.

Green, 29, was examined on the scene by paramedics and a medical examiner, declared dead and his body taken to a morgue. There, 21/2 hours after the accident, the same medical examiner detected signs of life. He was hospitalized.

Green suffered a severe head injury, broken leg and is paralyzed.

Two of the four paramedics who treated Green were fired and their credentials suspended, though the credential of one has been reinstated pending an administrative hearing. The other two were ordered to take remedial training. The medical examiner was not disciplined.

Abortion ban on hold

LANSING - A new state law that bans a procedure critics call partial-birth abortion will not take effect this month so that the state has more time to respond to a federal lawsuit challenging the statute.

Under an agreement reached by Attorney General Mike Cox and three groups that filed suit, the abortion law was put on hold until June 15. It was scheduled to take effect March 30.

spokeswoman Pierce said the state needed more time to respond to the suit, which was filed March 1.

The American Civil Liberties Union, the Center for Reproductive Rights and Planned Parenthood Federation of American argue the law is unconstitutional because it could be interpreted as a ban on all abortions and does not allow exceptions for when a mother's life or health are in danger.



Patty St. Onge gets a pull from her Just skijoring 20-month-old American water spaniel. Emma, as they go skijoring down a road in Maple, Wis.



Tulips are bloomin Kansas City.

A tulip tree blooms brightly along 44th Street at Warwick Rlvd in



Hut of saind Andy Briggs of Victoria, British Columbia, a sand artist with Sand Sculpture Company of Chicago, works on fine-tuning a beach but made with 60 tons of riverbed sand on the exhibit floor at the Flower, Lawn & Garden Show in Kansas City, Mo.



Get your frozen fish Jeff Kissinger pulls up a perch while ice fishing on Erie Canal Lock 2 in Waterford, N.Y.



Statuesque scene
A Keene State College student
walks past a sculpture by Rob
Lorenson titled "Aurora" on the
school's campus in Keene N. H.



Three-month-old calves lick milk from each other's faces on the Klodt Dairy Farm in Ottumwa. Iowa.

Photos just for fun

MN ST. PAUL — State Rep. Tom Rukavina urged Gov. Tim Pawlenty to remove from his official Web site a "Pawlenty Family Photo Album" containing 21 pictures of a pretty darn cute young future governor.

"I was a cute little baby, too," said Rukavina.

Rukavina contends that childhood pictures, which he views as designed to make folks feel warmer toward the governor, are a "totally inappropriate" form of self-promotion when posted on a taxpayer-financed Web site.

Pawlenty removed the pictures and playfully chided Rukavina for engaging in a trivial pursuit.

Lockdown unsuccessful

JESSUP—An inmate was stabbed with a shank hours after authorities lifted a monthlong prison lockdown that was imposed during an intensive search for such homemade weap-

The attacker had fashioned his weapon from a piece of metal in a light fixture, said Capt. Priscilla Doggett, spokeswoman for the Maryland Division of Correction

She said the victim was treated for a non-life-threatening wound he suffered in the attack. Both men are serving life sentences for homicides

Fight for job ends

LOUISVILLE — A former police officer fired after shooting a teenager during an undercover drug buy dropped his bid to return to the police force and will receive \$59,500 in back pay, city officials said.

A statement from the mayor's office said McKenzie Mattingly ended his appeals in a six-month effort to recover his job.

Mattingly, a detective, fatally shot Michael Newby, 19, in January 2004 in an undercover drug buy gone awry.

Mattingly was indicted for murder but was acquitted of all charges related to Newby's death in a trial in September. He was fired last April by Chief Robert White, who said Mattingly violated department policy.

Pre-funeral fund-raiser

NH HAMPTON — Former state lawmaker Jane Kelley, who is diagnosed with terminal cancer, threw herself a "prefuneral" party where guests were asked to donate \$25 to her cremation fund.

In exchange, they were excused from attending the wake, funeral and sending flowers when she dies.

A long wait for justice

TX hOUSTON — Months after his release from prison, a man who served nearly two decades behind bars is still waiting to find out if the evidence that questioned his guilt in a brutal crime will be enough to keep him free.

Prosecutors have asked the Court of Criminal Appeals to allow them to retry 44-year-old George Rodriguez in the kidnapping and

rape of a 14-year-old girl, for which he was convicted in 1987.

Rodriguez was serving a 60 year sentence for the crime when DNA tests showed blood and hair at the crime scene may have come from another man who was not prosecuted in the case.

Rodriguez was released in October because of faulty work and testimony in his case by the Houston Police Department's crime lab analysts.

Loggers back at work

OR GRANTS PASS — Loggers went to work without interference at the site of a 2002 forest fire, felling old-growth trees after the U.S. Forest Service closed off the area to keep out protesters.

Citing safety concerns for log-

gers and protesters alike, officials in the Siskiyou National Forest on Monday closed the 700-acre area and roads leading to the timber sale. Protesters had impeded loggers going to work.

Forest Service spokesman Tom Lavagnino said a crew of loggers had no trouble getting to work, and rangers had not spotted a tree sitter who logging opponents said was in a fir tree.

Consolidation plan

DES MOINES — Lawmakers unveiled a six-year plan requiring lowa's 99 counties and 950 cities to consolidate government services and separate into regions. The goal is to reduce duplication of government services and lower properly taxes.

Suicide or murder?

DENVER — Authorities have arrested a 14-year-old girl on suspicion of manslaughter while they investigate her story that she helped her father commit suicide.

The girl said her 56-year-old father, a self-employed electrician, tried to fatally shoot himself and was near death when she found him, allegedly prompting her to "end his suffering," Boulder County sheriff's Lt. Phil West said.

Investigators were trying to determine if the man indeed tried to kill himself, he said.

Inconsistencies in the girl's story and their initial investigation — including the absence of a suicide note — led them to arrest the teenager.

Oyster restocking

VA BURGESS — Work has begun on what will be the largest restocking effort with disease-resistant shellfish in the Chesapeake Bay.

Officials think their latest idea may hold the key to restoring the ecologically and economically important bivalve.

"We're very optimistic," said Doug Martin, project coordinator for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Last week, Martin hosted a boat tour of the oyster grounds as an initial 339,000 specially bred native oysters were dumped into the river. Plans call for releasing a total of 15 million oysters by the end of next month.

Stories and photos from wire services

Gimme a kiss

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	Static Shock "Future Shock"	(:08) Movie ★★% "K-9" (1989)	Danny Phantom	Access Hollywood	Hardball With Chris Matthews	Tennis Pacific Life Open	Clean House	Access Hollywood
9:30	Winx Club "Grounded" (EI) Teen Titans	James Belushi, Mel Harris. A narcotics agent and a unique	Drake & Josh Unfabulous "The Secret"	Headline News	The O'Reilly Factor	Men's Quarterfinals. From Indi- an Wells, Calif. (Taped)	BBQ With Bobby Flav	Headline News
10:00	Power Rangers DinoThunder	police dog join forces.	Switched!	ESPNews	Title O Relliy Factor		\$40-a-Day	ESPNews .
11:00	Dragonball GT	Movie *** "Ghost" (1990,	Focus on the Force	George Lopez	Nightline	SportsCenter	Jackie Collins Presents Holly-	According to Jim
11:30	Justice League	Fantasy) Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg, A	American Adventurer	Half & Half			wood wives.	Half & Half
	Teen Kids News (EI) Cyberchase (EI)	murder victim returns to save	Access Hollywood	Meet My Folks "The Dappers" (Part 1 of 2)	Dateline NBC	Tennis Pacific Life Open Men's Quarterfinals. From Indi-	101 Most Unforgettable SNL Moments	Wife Swap "Aguirre/Ray"
	Trading Space: Boy-Girl	his beloved fiancee.	Survivor: Palau	Law & Order "Gunplay"	CNN Saturday Morning	an Wells, Calif. (Taped)	Biography	Law & Order "Gunplay"
13:30	Strange Days-Blake Holsey	(:21) Movie ★★% "The Cable				SportsCenter	1 * * * *	
14:00	Planet's Funniest Animals Wild America	Guy" (1996, Comedy) Jim Car- rey, Matthew Broderick.	According to Jim Half & Half	Headline News	Economy Watch	N10010 D	Austin City Limits Perfor- mance	Headline News
	Discovery Kids Ultimate	(:09) Movie ** "The Craft"	Wife Swap "Aguirre/Ray"	Saturday Night Live	CNN Saturday Morning	NASCAR Racing Craftsman Truck Series World Financial	Star Trek: Voyager	Saturday Night Live
15:30	Guide to the Awesome "Dogs"	(1996) Robin Tunney, Fairuza			Open House	Group 200. From Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga.		
16:00	Hercules: The Legendary Jour- neys "Let the Games Begin"	Balk. Teenage witches wreak havoc at their high school.	Law & Order "Gunplay"	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends.	Bulls and Bears	(Taped)	Kenny Loggins on Ice From Binghamton, N.Y.	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends.
16:30		Movie ★★5 "Father of the	Headline News	trenos. The Entertainers	Cavuto on Business Forbes	Sports Center	Bingnamion, N.Y.	The Entertainers
17:00 17:30	Doug "Doug Directs" (EI) The Wild Thornberrys	Bride Part II" (1995, Comedy)	Navy/Marine Corps News	The Entertainers	Cashin' In	Sportscenter		The Entertainers
18:00	The Fairly OddParents	Steve Martin, Diane Keaton, Martin Short	SportsCenter	Boxing Friday Night Fights.	CNN Live Saturday	Road to the Final Four	What Not to Wear "Debbie" A	Boxing Friday Night Fights.
18:30	Rugrats "Angelica's in Love"			(Taped)			teacher needs fashion help.	(Taped)
19:00	Movie *** "Lilo & Stitch" (2002 Comedy) Voices of Day-	Movie ** "Bad Boys II" (2003, Action) Martin Lawrence,	College Basketball NCAA Tournament Second Round		Weekend Live With Tony Snow	College Basketball NCAA Tournament Second Round	The Road to Stardom With Missy Elliott	
19:30	(2002, Comedy) Voices of Dav- eigh Chase, Tia Carrere.	Will Smith. Two detectives battle	Teams TBA. From Boise, Idaho,	ESPNews	Wall Street Journal	Teams TBA. (Live)	Tru Calling "Daddy's Girl"	ESPNews
20:30	Movie ★★ "The Cheetah	a drug kingpin in Miami.	Cleveland, Indianapolis or Tuc- son, Ariz. (Live)	ESPNews	Headline News	College Basketball NCAA		ESPNews
	Girls" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Raven, Lvnn Whitfield.	(:15) Movie * s "Big Daddy"	,	Headline News	Next at CNN	Tournament Second Round Teams TBA From Boise Idaho	Strong Medicine "Rash Deci- sions"	Headline News
21:30	American Idol	(1999) Adam Sandler. A goofy ne'er-do-well adopts an impres-		Hour of Power Celebration of Victory	Fox News Live	Cleveland, Indianapolis or Tuc-	sions' Friends	Hour of Power Celebration of Victory
22:00	American Idol	sionable youngster.		Coral Ridge Hour	FOX NEWS LIVE	son, Ariz. (Live)	Seinfeld (Part 1 of 2)	Coral Ridge Hour
23:00	American Idol	Movie ★★¼ "Booty Call"	i	Word in the World	Fox News Live		Road Rules	Word in the World
23:30	The Simpsons	(1997, Comedy) Jamie Foxx.	College Basketball	Cafe Video Christian music.		College Basketball	Punk'd	Cafe Video Christian music.
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4:00	Girls" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Raven, Lynn Whitfield.	Will Smith. Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami.		Caillou "Travelling!" (EI)	At Large With Geraldo Rivera	Tennis Pacific Life Open	Friends	Caillou "Travelling!" (EI)
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6:30	Clifford the Big Red Dog (EI)		Coral Ridge Hour	The Simpsons "HOMR"	With Rita Crosby			SpongeBob SquarePants
7:00 7:30	Sylvester & Tweety Scooby Doo	Movie *** "Hope and Glo- ry" (1987) Sarah Miles. John	Word in the World Cafe Video Christian music.	MotorWeek Ebert-Movies	CNN Saturday Night	World's Greatest Auto Show From Chicago.	Swamp Critters Harvest	MotorWeek Ebert-Movies
8:00	The Magic School Bus (EI)	Boorman's autobiographical ac-	Caillou "Travelling!" (EI)	WWE Smackdown!	The Beltway Boys	SportsCenter	Music and the Spoken Word	WWE Smackdown!
8:30	The Jetsons	count of WWII England.	Happily Ever After		Fox News Watch		Real Videos	
9:00	House of Mouse	(:08) Movie ** "Ghost- busters II" (1989) Bill Murray.	Movie * * "Eloise at the Plaza" (2003, Adventure) Julie	Andromeda Mysterious bio-ar- mor	AFNews on Assignment	PGA Golf Bay Hill Invitational Third Round. From Bay Hill Golf	Latin Lifestyles	Andromeda Mysterious bio-ar- mor
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Shag on Wheaties box

Shaquille O'Neal's taste in breakfast cereals might be chang-

ing The longtime fan of Frosted Flakes, which he once called "the best cereal ever created," is the latest athlete to grace the cover of a Wheaties how

The Shaq box, which features a

picture the 12-time NBA All-Star in a red Miami Heat uniform on the front, hit supermarket shelves this



Wednesday after unveiling a 7-foot replica of the box

Since 1934, hundreds of athletes have appeared on Wheaties box, starting with Jack Armstrong the fictitions All-American boy

"It's actually an honor," O'Neal said, "I remember as a voungster going to the stores, seeing all those greats like Kareem and Magic on the box and then saying to my mother and father, going to be on the cover of that one day.' And then they'd smack me and say, 'Shut up.' But he made it.

Let's go, mambo!

Billy Dee Williams, Esai Morales, Latin Grammy winner Albi-ta and Justina Machado will star in "The Mambo Kings," a new Broadway musical about two Cuban brothers and their journey from 1950s Havana to the posh nightclubs of Manhattan

The musical opens Aug. 18 at the Broadway Theatre. is based on the Pulitzer Prize-win-

novel ning "The Mambo

Play Kings



Songs Love by Oscar Hijuelos, co-wrote the book of the musical with Arne

Glimcher. The score was written by Carlos Franzetti (music) and Glimcher (lyrics)

My old Kentucky stars

The official induction ceremony isn't for nearly a year, but the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum has named nine 2006 inductees, including Naomi and Wynonna Judd. The announcement Wednes

day started a year of promotions leading to the official ceremony scheduled for Feb. 23, 2006, in Lexington. Next year's class includes vari-

ous music genres ranging from jazz to gospel. Induction ceremonies are held

every two years The class of 2006 also includes

Lionel Hampton, Mary Travers, Dottie Rambo, Sam Bush, John Conlee, Todd Duncan and John Jacob Niles.

Photos and stories from The Associated



The four men who make up Lonestar — Ritchie McDonald, Dean Sams, Michael Britt and Keech Rainwater — arrive at the 38th annual Country Music Awards, held last November at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn, They're back in the studio, planning for their next project,

They're already there. so now which way?

The guys of Lonestar will keep doing what works

By JOHN HAVES Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

here do you go when you get to the end of your dreams After cashing in on two suc-cessful albums and lucrative road tours, the Dixie Chicks stopped playing the Nashville game, recorded an unconventional CD that broke all the rules, flew their career into the stratosphere, willingly squandered it on a political statement, started families and con tinue to live lives of the rich and famous.

One of the hottest recording and touring acts in history, Kenny Chesney moved out of Tennessee, hung a hammock in Margaritaville, squeezed a lime into his beer and wrote the most revealpersonal and non-commercial album of his career

With 10 No. 1 country hits and gold or platinum wall-hangers for every one of their six non-holiday albums, the guys from Lonestar could easily break the mold and pursue personal musical interests with no fear of industry rejection.

Now back in the studio, preparing for their next project, what are their plans?

"We're definitely hoping [the next CD] will take off," says guitarist Michael Britt. 'We've set the bar pretty high for ourselves. One of our albums sold 3 million, so that's the benchmark.

Everybody handles success differently.

Britt, keyboardist Dean Sams, singer Richie McDonald and drummer Keech Rainwater see their popularity as a message from their fans that they're doing something right. With every opportunity available to them, they choose to keep doing what they do.
"I think the record label, it's their job to

We've always felt, don't do things that pigeonhole us. don't try to find songs like the last one, try to find something different, keep proving that we're diverse. But keep doing what works.

> Michael Britt Lonestar guitarist

sell the record," says Britt, on the phone from his home in Nashville. "They only look at that side of it. We have the luxury of looking at our whole career.

'There's no pressure for us. In the middle of making this record, we want to make a record that we're proud of."

Lonestar has come to understand the meth-

od behind the madness that has so far sold 8 million albums. Country radio's overwhelmingly female audience likes the band's diupbeat and catchy tunes, and they think McDonald is cute.

"Love songs, rocking stuff and the family theme," says Britt. "That's what works for

"Mr. Mom," a bouncy, cuddly tune about daddy day care written by Ron Harbin and Don Pfimmer for last year's "Let's Be Us Again" CD, became the perfect Lonestar song.

"When we were playing fairs last sum-mer, we were a little hesitant about play-ing that song," Britt says.

"We thought maybe that only people with kids would get into it. But there were high-school kids singing along. That song kind of evolved live, with the crowd singing every word so loud we'd just stop playing and let them all sing along.

As the band pulls together songs for its next CD - some found, some written by band members — Britt says they're not looking for the next "Mr. Mom," just something that works every bit as wel

"There's a reflective period [after an album is released] where we think about what worked, what we want to do next and how we can do what we've never done," he says. "We've always felt, don't do things that pigeonhole us, don't try to find songs like the last one, try to find something different, keep proving that we're diverse. But keep doing what works.

Horoscope

In the weeks to come, it may feel like you and your loved ones have

revisited the tower of Babel - suddenly, no one is speaking the same language, and instead, everyone is uttering strange. unassociated sounds. It's not always necessary to understand. Listen as though to music.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 19). It's a transforming year. Your days will

be filled with activities very different from the ones that occupied you last year. Let a trusted partner lead the way this month. Your self-confidence soars because you're proud of the hard work you do in June. An inheritance or legacy helps your financial picture in August. Lucky love signs are Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Like the producer of reality TV competition, you don't always make the decision that's fair. Sometimes. you let kooky people stay in the game because they are more entertaining than the talented ones

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Today is a study in how it feels to want. Your appetite (for all things not only food) is voracious. To avoid sinking into a rank mood, bring a snack for the voyage. Love with a Libra is tender.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you have not set your sites high enough, you realize this now. Many of you experience a bout of lealousy. Have no fear. This is the way the universe has chosen to show you

vour heart's desire.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't complain: don't explain. Do talk plenty about what you intend to do. as this solidifies your approach. Romance brews in the neighborhood - it's a situation worthy of

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The rules of the past no longer guide you to the most appropriate course of

"Desperate Housewives.

and Cancer

action. So it's time to make new rules. Don't be hasty. Observe what's really going on before you make a single decision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Life only asks you to do your best,

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not the impossible. Good fortune comes via a jewel-fingered lady. If vou're kind and grateful. the future holds more of this for you.

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Regarding a situation that a more jaded person would deem hopeless: There's still time to turn things around Sort out the

supporters from the hangers-on. You have the ability to warm up even an icy-cold people

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your greatest investment is in your self. Doing for others until you are all tapped out just isn't healthy. Set some time aside to focus inward. Someone is afraid of your criticism

and thus keeps a low profile SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Be a social animal; networking now does wonders for your finances. However, knowing your real friends is key. A true friend accentuates your good characteristics, which can help you get work or a special date.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Social niceties are all well and good, but you're in a "show me the money" kind of mood. Or, as Dorothy Parker put it so well, "The two most beautiful words in the English language are 'check enclosed."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It may come to your attention that

late fees and penalties have reared their ugly heads into your financial picture. Resolve, on paper, to spend wisely. Careless spending will leave you in a state of constant need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Instead of vacillating, make decisions, and go with them. It turns out

there is no right or wrong, only action and inaction. Your love life thrives when you take risks especially if a Scorpio is involved.

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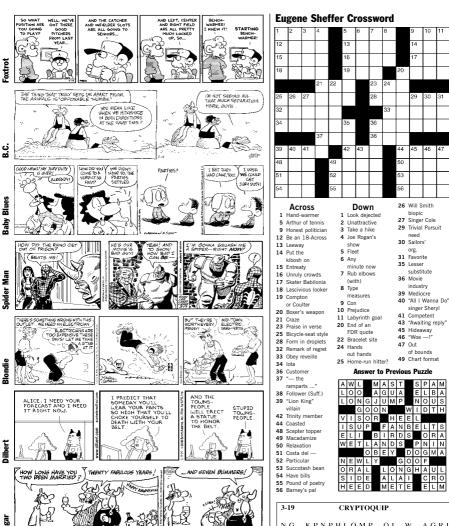








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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A WITCH WERE TRAVELING VERY FAST, DO YOU SUPPOSE SHE MIGHT BE ON A SONIC BROOM?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals T

Compromise with live-in boyfriend

Dear Abby: I'm 19, and last month I moved in with my boy friend of five years. Ever since we got settled in our new home, he has invited his friends over on a daily basis.

It's not just one or two, Abby; he has six to nine people stopping by every day to hang out. watch movies and even eat dinner with us.

I have tried expressing to him that I'd like to be asked before these people are invited. He'll comply occasionally, but most of the time I come home and find three people lounging in our living room like they own the place. His response when I get upset is, "I pay half the rent. Can't I have my friends

There are nights when I want to come home, put my feet up, and read a book in peace and quiet, or better yet, spend time just with him. How can I communicate this without making him defensive?

- Crowded Out in Minnesota Dear Crowded: There is a

secret to successful cohabitation. It's called compromise. Consideration for the other person's feel-ings is also helpful. Before invit-ing friends to come and hang out, or share a meal, your boyfriend should call and ask if that's OK with you. That's what partners

do to keep peace under their roof. Please clip this and show it to your boyfriend. It's not a question of all or nothing; it's simply common courtesy

Dear Abby: My beloved mother died the first week of February. Four hours after she drew her last breath, at a lunch following our

visit to the mortuary to make burial arrangements, her "friend" of more than 40 years, "Marilyn," began asking me to give her items from my mother's

I agreed to let her have two chairs at some time in the future Within two days after my return home (I live in a neighboring

entered Mother's home and removed two carloads of furniture not including the two chairs. They took photographs and personal items belonging to my moth er, some of which were removed from her bedroom.

I insisted they return what they took, which they claim they did, but I'll always wonder whether they returned everything. Should I report the theft to the authorities or to the other family members? Should I demand an accounting from the so-called friends?

- Angry and Heartsick in Sun City

Dear Angry and Heartsick: By all means disclose what happened not only to your other family members, but also to you mother's lawyer and the police. The lawyer can demand the accounting, and the police can make sure that all the items were indeed returned

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argi



HAD AN EARLY COURT CALL HE FOUND DEFENDANTS BEDFAL Now arrange the circled letters

Answer here: (Answers Monday)

to form the surprise answer, as

suggested by the above cartoon.

Jumbles: ABBOT

STEED HORROR FROZEN Answer: How the drunken cowboy felt when the sheriff put him in the cooler - NOT SO HOT

Coughing neighbor too noisy

Dear Annie: My husband and I have a unique problem with one of our neighbors. We would talk to him about it, but it's quite embarrassing.

Every night between 2 and 4 a.m., our neighbor goes outside and coughs until he spits up. And every night it wakes us up. It is so disgusting.

This neighbor is a heavy smoker. We have tried closing our windows, but we can still hear him. We are sure he does this outside so he won't wake up his own family. Instead, we are the ones losing sleep

How do we deal with this situation tactfully?

- Sleepless in Sarasota Dear Sarasota: You have two options: Tell your neighbor, "You probably aren't aware of it, but your coughing wakes us up at night. We're terribly worried about you.



The second option is to put some white noise in your hedroom. perhaps a fan, a radio, or one of those machines that simulates ocean waves - to mask the unpleasant sound

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "A Troubled Father," who

was upset that his adult daughter didn't send birthday

cards to his new wife, although she did finally send a Mother's Day card. My father, also a widower,

remarried a lovely woman, and we are very appreciative. However, my father decided we could not spend time with him alone, that every visit had to include his new wife. This was never a problem when my mother was alive. We siblings used to meet Dad alone for breakfast, and it was a great opportunity to discuss

Now breakfasts always include the new wife, and most of the time is spent listening to my stepmother

Mother's Day is always a prob lem, since he expects us to shower her with the same devotion that we gave my mother. Why She's not my mother. She is HIS WIFE. He should stop trying to force a relationship on his children that they will resent.

- Frustrated Stepdaughter

Dear Frustrated: Many new wives are insecure about their place in the family and go overboard to make sure Hubby includes them in everything. This can create terrible bitterness. A secure woman knows that her husband loves her, and she doesn't mind letting him have breakfast with his kids, alone.

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Family Circus



"Mommy! Winter's over! The sidewalks are coming back!"

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ARN-Pacific, 6 p.m.-Boxing: Friday Night Fights, Kevin McBride (34-d-1, 26 KOs) vs. Kevin Monity (16-2-1, 12 KOs), heavyweights (did. Atlantic and Sports, 7 p.m.-College basketball: NCAA men's tournament, 2nd round, teams TBD. ARN-Radio, 7 p.m.-College basketball: NCAA men's tournament, 2nd-round double-header, teams TBD.

AFN-Pacific, 1 a.m. Auto racing: Busch Se-les Aaron's 312 (dld). AFN-Radio, 2 a.m. -College basketball: VCAA men's tournament, 2nd-round double-NCAA n ICAA men's tournament, 2nd-round double-eader, teams TBD. AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.-Tennis: Pacific Life Ipen, women's final (did). AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-Golf: Bay Hill Invitation-Jard round (did).

 J. 3rd round (dld).
 AFN-Atlantic, 1 p.m.-Auto racing: IRL XM atellite Radio Indy 200 (dld).
 AFN-Sports and Pacific, 6 p.m.-College basetball: NCAA men's tournament, 2nd round, teams TBD.

AFN-Radio, 6 p.m.-College basketball:
NCAA men's tournament, 2nd-round triple-

eader, teams TBD. AFN-Atlantic, 6:30 p.m.-Auto racing: Nextel Cup Golden Corral 500.
AFN-Atlantic, 11 p.m.-Motor racing: NHRA
Mac Tools Gatornationals.

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Baseball

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Detroit	8	8	.500
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Boston	6	7	.461
New York	6	7	.461
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Thursday's games
Tampa Bay 7, Philadelphia 3
Chicago Cubs 6, Oakland 4
San Francisco 7, Texas 5
San Diego 16, Colorado (ss) 7
Kansas City 5, L.A. Angels 3
Artzona (ss) 13, Milwaukee 10, 10 innings
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Friday's games

Florida vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla.

Cleveland vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla.

St. Louis vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla.

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ıriz. L.A. Angels vs. Kansas City at Surprise, L.A. Angels vs. Karisas Gry McCarl Ariz. Chicago Cubs vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz. Detroit vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla. Toronto vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg,

Fla. Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla. Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie,

Fla. Cincinnati vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla.

College basketball

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Cal State Fullerton Law - Cisco (17-13)
Saturday, March 19
Buffalo (23-9) at Saint Joseph's (20-11)
Davidson (22-8) at Southwest Missouri
State (19-12)
Western Kentucky (22-8) at Wichita State

Second Round
State Survey at Wichita State
Startday, March 19
Virginia Tech (16-13) at Memphis (20-15)
Texas AM (20-9) at DePaul (20-10)
Monday, March 21
Texas Christian (20-13) at Western Michian (20-12)

gan (20-12)

Dates and Sites TBA

Maryland (17-12) vs. SW Missouri
St./Davidson
Georgetown (18-12) vs. CS Fullerton/San Francisco
UNLV (17-13) vs. South Carolina (16-13)
Vanderbilt (19-13) vs. W. Kentucky/Wichi-Holy Cross (25-6) vs. Buffalo/Saint Jo-seph's

Men's NCAA Div. II tournament

Quarterfinals Wednesday, March 23 Bryant (23-8) vs. Mount Olive (29-4) Tarleton State (24-8) vs. Cal Poly Pomona (24-6) Metro State (29-3) vs. Virginia Atlantic (27-4)

27-4) Lynn (28-5) vs. Findlay (30-3) Semifinals Thursday, March 24 Bryant/Mount Olive vs. Tarleton State/Cal Poly Pomona Metro State/Virginia Atlantic vs. Lynn/Findlay

Men's NCAA Div. III tournament

Friday, March 18 Friday, March 18
Rochester (2-4) vs. Calvin (26-6)
Wis.-Stevens Pt. (27-3) vs. York, Pa. (27-3)
Saturday, March 19
Third Place
Wis.-Stevens Pt.-York, Pa. loser vs. Roches-r-Calvin loser

Championship
Wis.-Stevens Pt./York, Pa. vs. Rochester/Calvin

Men's NAIA Div. I tournament First Round Wednesday, March 16

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Oklahoma City 77, vs. Mobile 74
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Carroll, Mont. 85, Concordia, Calif. 72
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Crevecca Nazarene 79, Lewis-Clark St. 71
Oklahoma Christian 80, Brescia 76, OT
Mountain St. 77, Columbia, Mo. 50
Azusa Pacific 88, Houston Baptist 72
Robert Morrisday, March 17

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oma Baptist (24-10) vs. Georgetown. (1-5) I. Baptist (24-9) vs. Robert Morris-Chica-

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"HARD TIMES" I SAID.
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ADVISER" I SAID.
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Trevecca Nazarene (25-7) vs. Mountain St. (30-3) Oklahoma Christian (27-6) vs. Azusa Pacific (26-5) LSU-Shreveport (27-8) vs. John Brown

(20-11) Snuthern Poly St. (32-3) vs. Biola (27-7) NCAA Women's tournament

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL FIRST Round Saturday, March 19 North Carolina State (21-7) vs. Middle Tennessee State (22-8) Texas Tech (22-7) vs. Texas-Arlington (21-9)

Sunday, March 20 New Mexico (26-4) vs. Purdue (16-12) Tennessee (26-4) vs. Western Car 18-13) (27-3) vs. Western Carolina (18-13) Temple (27-3) vs. Louislana Tech (20-9) Rutgers (25-6) vs. Hartford (22-8) Ohio State (28-4) vs. Holy Cross (20-10) Maryland (21-9) vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay (27-3)

(27-3) Second Round
Monday, March 21
North Carolina State/Middle
State vs. Texas Tech/Texas-Arlin
Tuesday, March 22
Tennessee/Western Carolina vs
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Saturay, March 26
LSU/Stetson—Oklahoma /Arizona vs. Depauly Virginia Tech—Penn State/Liberty
ton College-Mouston—Duke/Canisius
Monday, March 28
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Saturday, March 19 ern California (19-10) vs. Louisville (22-8) Michigan State (28-3) vs. Alcorn State

(21-8)
Iowa State (23-6) vs. Utah (25-7)
Stanford (29-2) vs. Santa Clara (17-13)
Kansas State (23-7) vs. Bowling Gree
(23-7)
Vanderbilt (22-7) vs. Montana (22-7)
Sunday, March 20
Connecticut (23-7) vs. Bratmouth (17-10)
Florida State (23-7) vs. Richmond (23-7)
Second Round

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Monday, March 21
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California/Louisville
Iowa State/Alcorn State vs. Southern
California/Louisville
Iowa State/Utah vs. Stanford/Santa Clara
Vanderbilt/Montana vs. Kansas
State/Rowling Green
Tuesday, March 22
Florida State/Richmond vs. Connecticut/Dartmout/Semifinals

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Semifinals
Sunday, March 27

Michigan State/Alcorn State—Southern
California/Louisville vs. Vanderbilt/Montana—Kansas State/Bowling Green
Fla, State/Richmond—Connecticut/Dartmouth vs. Iowa State/Utha—Stanford/Santa

Tuesday, March 29

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Saturday, March 19
Virginia (20-10) vs. Old Dominion (22-8)
Minnesota (24-7) vs. St. Francis, Pa. (21-9)
Arizona State (22-9) vs. Eastern Kentucky

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Texas Christian (23-9) vs. Oregon (20-9)
Sunday, March 20
North Carolina (27-3) vs. Coppin State (23-7) Mississippi (19-10) vs. George Washington (22-8)

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Second Round
Monday, March 21

Virginia/Old Dominion vs. Minnesota/St.
Francis, Pa.
Arizona State/Eastern Kentucky vs. Notre
Dame/US Santa Barbara
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State
Tuesday, March 22
North Carollina/Coppin State vs. Mississippi/George Washington
Semifinals
Suturday, March 26
North Carolina/Coppin State—Mississippi/George Washington vs. Artzona
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Dominion-Minnesota/St.
Francis. Pa. vs. Texas Christian/Orenon-Baylor/Illinois State

College baseball

Thursday's scores

Lehigh 7, Haverford 8, 10 Innings
N.J. City 13, Kings Point 4
Walsh 4-1, Mount 52. Vincent 1-0
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SOUTHWEST
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 10-15, Texas-Arlington 7-5
Trinity, Texas 10, Cardinal Stritch 3
MIDWEST
Edgewood 6, Hanover 4

College hockey

Conference tournaments

ECAC Friday, March 18 Semifinals

Vermont vs. Cornell
Collgate vs. Harw WCHA
The Final Five
Quarterfinal
North Dakota 3, Wisconsin 2
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Semilinals
North Dakota 3, Wisconsin 2
Semilinals
North Dakota vs. Denver
The Super Six
Quarterfinals
The Super Six

airbanks vs. Michigar St. vs. Ohio St. Hockey East Semifinals Friday, March 18

Boston College vs. Maine Boston U. vs. New Hampsh Atlantic Hockey Ass Semifinals Semifinals Friday, March 18

Tennis

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At The Indian Wells Tendle.

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Boxing

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Thursday
Colorado Springs, Colo.
All weights in pounds
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Aaron Alafa, Visalf, dec. Rick
Lopez, Latewood, Colo. 15-15 (59-50)
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gus, Maywood, Callf., 25-22
Gary Russell, Jr., stopped Issac Viscarra, Fresno, Callf., RSCH-1
Sytel Wilbarn, Los Angeles, Callf., dec. Charles Huerta, Paramount, Callf., 13-8
David Clark, San Diego, Callf./NMU, stopped Frankle Torres, Camp Lejeune, N.C., RT Trny Walberts. Troy Wohosky, Medford, Ore., stopped Jer-emy Perez, Lubbock, Texas, RSCO-2

emy Perez, Lubbock, Texas, Escopped Jer-Servan, St. Louis, 168 April, 1880.

Richard Baltazar, 28 April, 1880.

Ray Robinson, Philadelphia, dec. Jerance, Carawford, Omaha, Neb., 22-13, dec. Joseph Francisco, Chattanooga, Tenn, 5-8 April, 1880.

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Newburgh, N.Y., 17-8

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Jonathan Gover, San Antonio, dec. Darnell Jiles, Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 23-17
Jason Rosario, Miami, Fla., dec. Matthew Esquibel, Albuquerque, M.M., 36-23
Michael Evans, Dayton, Ohio, stopped Mike Gonzaller, Milwaukee, RSCO-1
Stan Martynionk, Antelope, Calif., dec. Mel Crossty, Clincinat, Ohio, 16-18

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Asra Ibarran, Philadholia, dec. Edward

Brooks, Karnkakee, Illi, 25-8

Hector Ramos, Lackard Air Force Base,
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Daniel Jacobs, Brooklyn, N.Y., dec. Des Banks, Cleveland, Ohio, 27-24 165 Johnathan Nelson, Little Rock, stopped Shawn Murphy, Aiea, Hai RSCO-3

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Shawin Estrada, Lymwood, Callf., dec. Ken
Porter II, Stow, Ohio, 27-13
Elliczar Cepeda, Miami, Fla., dec., Joseph
Rosendo, Lubbock, Texas 18-18 (70-62)
Edwin Rodriguez, New England, Stopped
Roger Cantrell, Puyallug, Wash, 13-6
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William Rosinksy, New York, dec. Dennis lasson, Philadelphia, 29-13 Brandon Gonzalez, San Jose, Calif., dec. tommel Rene, Orlando, Fla., 15-10 Maurice Louishomme, Colorado Springs, Jolo., dec. Chris Wirsing, Renton, Wash., 19-16 Christopher Downs, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, dec. De'Rae Crane, Davenport, Iowa, 3-0 (paper scoring)

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Homero Fonseca, Driscoll, Texas, dec. Lucas Hoague, Camp Lejeune, N.C., 10-7
Anthony Grano, Connecticut, stopped Tim Skolnik, Traverse City, Mich., RSC-3
Marcus Henry, Cockeysville, Md., stopped Joe Guzman, Fort Carson, Colo, RSC-3
Derek Zuglic, La Grange, Ill., stopped Brandon Harris, Henderson, New, NSC-4

don Harris, Henderson, Nev., RSC-4
201-plus
Alfred White, Lake Charles, La., stopped
Marlon Lawson, Newport News, Va., RSC0-1
Mike Wilson, Central Point, Ore., dec. Eugene Hill, Dickinson, Texas, 6-4 gene Hill, Dickinson, Texas, 6-4 Travis Kauffman, Reading, Pa., dec. Kourt-ney Boden, Little Rock, Ark., 17-11 Gregory Corbin, Dallas, Texas, won on dis-qualifiction over Kimdo Bethel, Albany, N.Y.,

Women
110
Michelle Turner, Irvington, N.J., dec. Dana
Dudley, Alpharetta, Ga., 17-16
Cheryl Houlihan, Nashville, Texas, dec.
Emily Klinefelter, Iowa City, Jowa, 22-8
Samantha Sanchez, Illinois, won on walkover over Keisher McLeod, New York

Samantha Sanchur, Illinois, won on walk-leziapheth Gazzi, Los Angeles, dec. Na-talah syre, Camp Leleuse, Nr., 22-14 Cetala Reye, Cheyeline, Wuo, 250ped Roman Canada, Canada, Canada, Canada, Roman Canada, Canada, Canada, Canada, Kanada, Canada, Canada, Canada, Canada, Haransh Guillard, Atlanta, Ge. Lavelle Viri-vanesa, Jahzer, Gri Worth, Toxas, dec. Ji-ali, Gali Aldy Combo, Labbook, Teasa, won on Microw one Canada, Gastonpus, New York Chila Tainada, Reyeline, Labobo, Labobo, Labobo, Labobo, Labobo, Chila Tainada, Reyeline, Labobo, Labobo, Labobo, Labobo, Chila Tainada, Reyeline, Labobo, Labo

Anca Neagu, Austin, Texas, stopped Laura Savage, Eau Claire, Wis., RSCO-3 I Pna Tavlor. Orlando, Fla., dec. Yelena

Levis Taylor, Orlando, Fia., dec. Yelena Binder, west Ornage, M.J. 21, dr. dec. Triche Garcia, Elik Grove, Calif., 12d. dec. Triche Garcia, Elik Grove, Calif., 12d. dec., toxpeed Ashey Gibson, New Orleagy, 85C.1.
Christina Brown, Fort Huachtena, Ariz., dec. Franchon Crews, Baltimore, dec. Tylesha West, Vancouver, Wash., 25/23 III., stopped Cheryl Bontz, Kenesan, Neb., RSCO-3.

Taniqueka Harvey, Clinton, Md., stopped Samantha Murphy, Chippewa Falls, Wis., RSC-1

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SCOREBOARD

SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 28

Golf

Safeway International

Thursday At Superstition Mountain Golf Club Superstition Mountain, Ariz. Purse: \$1.4 million Yardage: 6,620; Par: 72 (36-36) First Round a-amateur

Siew-Al Lim
Lorena Ochoa
Annika Sorenstam
Juli Inkster
Karen Stupples
Sung Ah Yim
Soo-Yun Kanp
Moira Dunn
Karen Stupples
Sung Ah Yim
Soo-Yun Kanp
Moira Dunn
Karen Stupples
Sung Ah Yim
Soo-Yun Kanp
Moira Dunn
Karen Stupples
Sung Cac-Jones
Candie Kung
Beth Daniel
Natalie Gulbis
Paula Creamer
Marcy Hart
Wenniy Doodan
Liselotte Neumann
Il Hyun Kim
Angela Jerman
Milahit McKay 35-34-69 36-33-69 34-35-69 36-33-69 35-34-69 36-34-70 34-36-70 33-37-70 Angela Jerma Mhairi McKay Johanna Head Lee Ann Walker-Cooper Laura Davies Laura Davies
Catriona Matthew
Dorothy Delasin
Meg Mallon
Stacy Prammanas
Grace Park
Wendy Ward
Emilee Klein
Kelli Kuehne
Vicki Goetze-Acke
Michelle Estill
Young JO 36-35-71 36-35-71 36-35-71 35-36-71 37-34-71 36-35-71 36-35-71 34-37-71 37-34-71 Jamie Hullett
Joanne Morley
Beth Bauer
Emily Bastel
Candy Hannemann
Isabelle Beisiegel
Kim Saiki
Jennifer Rosales
Cristie Kerr
Danielle Ammaccapane
Hether Wood Hann
Gloria Park
Brandie Burton
Tina Barrett 38-34-72 37-35-72 35-37-72 Brandie Burto Tina Barrett Se Ri Pak Janice Moodie Silvia Cavaller Paula Marti Laurie Rinke Il Mi Chung Sae-Hee Son a-Michelle Wie a-Michelle Wie Mee Lee A.J. Eathorne Dina Ammaccapa Young-A Yang Pat Hurst Helen Alfredsson Lorie Kane Laura Diaz Carin Koch Aree Song Heather Daly-Donofrio Heather Ďaly-Donofric Katherine Hull Sherri Turner Birdie Kim Marilyn Lovander Maria Hjorth Nancy Scranton Yu Ping Lin Aram Cho Leta Lindley Catherine Cartwright Nadios Zaylor Tina Fischer Joellyn Erdmann-Crooks Beth Bader Chris Johnson Angela Stanford Young Kim Patricia Meunier-Lebouc Rachel Hetherington -74 Rachel Hetherii Heather Bowle Hillary Lunke Rosie Jones Seol-An Jeon Jung Yeon Lee Michelle Ellis Barb Mucha 36-38-74 35-39-74 38-36-74 38-36-74 38-36-74 40-35-75 36-39-75 Stephanie Louden Jill McGill 37-38-75 ndy Figg-Currier 38-37-75 37-38-75 38-37-75 39-36-75 Cindy Figg-Curries Amy Hung Anna Acker-Macosko Michele Redman Sherri Steinhauer Patty Sheehan Jordan Cherebetiu Nicole Perrot a-Louise Stahle Stephanie Arricau Catrin Nilsmark Riko Higashio Jimin Käng Jeong Jang Giulia Sergas Deb Richard 35-41 - 76 37-39 - 76 40-37 - 77 38-39 - 77 40-37 - 77 39-38 - 77 42-35 - 77 Katie Allison Nicole Jeray Shi Hyun Ahn Becky Morgan Sophie Gustafson etsy King ris Tschetter

Nicole Cutler Kristi Albers Denise Killeen Celeste Troche Lindsey Wright Cathy Johnston-F Donna Andrews Beth Allen Kristen Samp Michelle McGann Jenna Daniels 40-37-77 +5 40-37-77 +5 38-40-78 +6 38-42-78 +6 39-39-78 +6 39-39-78 +6 39-39-78 +6 39-39-78 +6 39-39-78 +6 38-41-79 +7 42-38-80 +8 38-42-80 +8 38-42-80 +8 38-42-80 +8 44-439-83 +11 40-37-77 40-37-77 38-40-78 42-36-78 36-42-78 39-39-78 Soo Young Moon Audra Burks

TCL Classic

44-39-83 +11 43-40-83 +11

Friday At Yalong Bay Golf Club Sanya, China Purse: \$1 million Yardage: 7,097; Par: 72 Second Round

Alejandro Quiroz, Mexico Choi Gwang-soo, South Korea Paul Casey, England Colin Montgomerie, Scotland Johan Edfors, Sweden Lu Wen-teh, Taliwan Lin Keng-chi, Taliwan Ivo Giner, Spain Ivo Giner, Spain Thomas Bjorn, Denmark Terry Pilkadaris, Australia Paul Mcginley, Ireland Michael Campbell, New Zeak Edward Loar, United States Chawalit Plaphol, Thailand 66-67-133 66-67-133 Chawalit Plaphol, Thailand Lin Wen-tang, Taiwan Steven Jeppesen, Sweden Ross Bain, Scotland Emanuele Canonica, Italy Mo Joong-kyung, South Korea Thaworn Wiratchant, Thailand Simon Hurd, England Simon Hurd, England Stuart Little, England Keith Horne, South Africa Raphael Jacquelin, Franc Chang Tse-peng, Talwan Amandeep Johl, India David Bransdon, Australia 69-66-135 71-64-135 69-66-135 67-68-135 67-68-135 70-65-135 David Bransdon, Australia Steven O'Hara, Scotland Pablo Del Olmo, Mexico Gregory Bourdy, France Hendrik Buhrmann, South Africa Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium Tied Oh, South Korse Corey Harris, United States Daniel Vancsik, Argentina

Deals

Thursday's transactions

BASEBALL

BASSEALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Assigned OF Brian
Hunter to their minor league camp.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Assigned RHP
Steven Sheli, IHP Joe Saunders, LHP Eric
Cyr, LHP Corey Lee, INF Howard Kendrick, OF
Nick Gorneault, Of Tommy Murphy and OF
Reggie Willits to their minor league camp.
TÖRONTO BUE JAYS—Released RHP Billy

Koch.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Optioned INF
Willy Aybar, INF Brian Myrow, RHP Franquelis Osoria and C Russell Martin to their minor
league camp.

NEW YORK METS—Released INF Danny Gar-cia and INF Joe McEwing Optioned OF Angel

pagan, OF Ambiorix Concepcion, C Mike Ja-cobs and RHP Matt Lindstrom to their minor league camp. Assigned LHP Blake McGinley and RHP Juan Padilla to their minor league

and SRP Juán Padilla to their minor league
WASHINGTON MITOMASS—Assigned SRPS
SUM-1900 Kint to their minor league camp.
National SRATI MA Association
CALLAND CAVALIES—Fined coach Pad
Slas S10,000 for his decogatory comment
Slas S10,000 for his decogatory comment
CALLAND CAVALIES—Fined coach Pad
CORCAND MAGIC—Fired Johnny Davis,
Coach, Named Chris Sent Interim Coach,
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Miami Heat's Shaquille O'Neal (32) tries to shoot over Los Angeles Lakers' Lamar Odom (7) Thursday night in Miami. Miami won 102-89.

O'Neal's Heat defeat **Bryant, Lakers again**

MIAMI - The message came loud and clear, 35 seconds into the second half. Kobe Bryant leaped toward the basket, shot the basketball - and landed on his backside, his shot blocked by Dwyane Wade.

It was a harbinger of what awaited Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers over the last two quar-

Bryant missed his first nine shots of the second half, and Wade and Keyon Dooling keyed a big fourth quarter that gave the Miami Heat a 102-89 victory Thursday night — and let Shaquille O'Neal enjoy a season sweep of his former team.

Wade had 27 points, O'Neal had 25 points and 12 rebounds and Dooling scored a season-high 17 for Miami (51-16), which won its 11th straight game and season record 14th straight at home The Heat are nine games ahead

of Detroit in the Eastern Conference race, 131/2 games ahead of Washington in the Southeast Division with 15 regular-season games remaining and within percentage points of San Antonio (49-15) for the league's best record

"We just look at this game as another game," O'Neal said. "We wanted to stay focused and our guys did a beautiful job of not letting anything enter into the locker room that would break our

Something Bryant said just be fore halftime actual
Wade's level of focus. actually raised

Bryant, according to Wade, told Miami's second-year guard "Stop crying" as the teams were preparing to leave the court following a first half in which Wade was often agitated over non-calls.



"I don't want to say what I said," Wade said. "I told him that I wasn't talking to him, for one And for two, I pretty much told him a lot of stuff. I don't want to get into it.

Bryant had 21 points in the first half, then finished with 26 on 8-for-23 shooting, Chucky Atkins had 23 for the Lakers, who dropped their third straight and fell 11/2 games behind Denver for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Dooling and Wade each had

eight points in the fourth quarter for Miami which outscored the Lakers 33-22 in the final 12 minutes — even though the Lakers connected on six three-pointers in the final 10:03.

Eddie Jones had 12 points and Damon Jones scored 11 for Miami.

Lamar Odom had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers.

Mavericks 98, Trail Blazers 94: At Dallas, Josh Howard scored 10 of Dallas' last 20 points including a critical three-pointer to break a 90-90 tie with 1:59 left.

Howard finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds, and Michael Finley added 17 points. Shareef Abdur-Rahim and Damon Stoudamire had 20 points each for the Trail Blazers, who've lost three in a row and nine of 10.

Warriors 100, Kings 97: At Oakland, Calif., Jason Richardson hit a long jumper with 27.1 sec ands left and finished with 40 points for Golden State.

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Excerpts from Thursday's hearing on steroids in Major League Baseball:



"I have never taken illegal performance-enhancing drugs. I have never injected myself or had anyone inject me with anything. I have not broken the laws of the United States or the laws of the Dominican Republic. I have been tested as recently as 2004 and I am clean." – Sammy Sosa of the Baltimore Orioles. His lawyer read his prepared testimour.



"Like I said before, I've never taken it. So if you want to play under the rules of the Olympics, I welcome it." — Rafael Palmeiro of the Baltimore Orioles, asked if stricter drug testing rules, such as those for Olympic athletes, should extend to baseball.



"What I'm hearing is that I'm the only person in the major leagues who used steroids."— Jose Canseco, who has acknowledged using steroids during a career in which he hit 462 home runs, he also wrote a best-selling book in which he alleged Mark McGwire and other major leaguers used steroids.



"The allegations made in that book, the attempts to smear the names of players both past and present, having been made by one who for years vehemently denied steroid use, should be seen for what they are: an attempt to make money at the expense of others." — Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling, referring to

baseball officials.



"So that there is no misunderstanding from my perspective, I will suspend any player who tests positive for an illegal steroid. There will be no exceptions. The (players) union is aware of that and they accept it." — Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig.

McGwire evasive on questions about steroids

First player to hit 70 homers in season refuses to 'name names;' others issue denials

BY HOWARD FENDRICH AND RONALD BLUM

WASHINGTON — In a room filled with humbled he-

roes, Mark McGwire hemmed and hawed the most. His voice choked with emotion, his eyes nearly filled with tears, time after time he refused to answer the question everyone wanted to know. Did he take illegal steroids when he hit a then-record 70 home runs in 1998 — or at any other time?

Asked by Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., whether he was asserting his Fifth Amendment right not incriminate himself, McGwire said: "I'm not here to talk about the past. I'm here to be positive about this subject."

Asked whether use of steroids was cheating, McGwire

said: "That's not for me to determine."

To a couple of other questions, all he would say is: "I'm

retired."
The dark clouds over baseball rained on Big Mac, whose

powerful bat once captivated the nation.

"I know that he was in anguish yesterday just being there," baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said Friday on

there," baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said Friday on NBC's "Today" show. "Everybody has to do what they have to do. The other players were very outspoken." McGwire was just part of Thursday's show at the House

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Five current and former players, three among the 10 leading home run hitters in history, found themselves sitting biceps-to-biceps on Capitol Hill instead of a baseball field, wearing business suits instead of uniforms, forced by subpoena to testify before Congress about whether they cheated by using steroids.

Heads furned, strobes flashed and necks craned to get a glimpse of them on a day of extraordinary theater. The players bemoaned steroids as a problem for their sport but denied the drugs are widely used.

Jose Canseco, whose best-selling book, "Jniced." drew

awmakers' attention, said anew that he used performance-enhancing drugs as a player. Baltimore Orioles teammates Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro said they haven't.

McGwire in the past has denied using steroids but

under oath repeatedly declined to respond directly. Peering at lawmakers over reading glasses, his goatee flecked with gray, McGwire was pressed to say whether he had taken performance-enhancing substances or whether he could provide details about use by other players. Over and over, he said he wouldn't respond. All of the players offered condolences to the parents of

two young baseball players who committed suicide after using steroids.

The parents testified, too, along with medical experts who talked about the health risks of steroids. "Players that are guilty of taking steroids are not only

"Players that are guilty of taking steroids are not only cheaters — you are cowards," said Donald Hooton of



Mark McGwire, who broke Rogers Maris' season record of 61 home runs when he hit 70 in 1998, said, "I'm not here to talk about the past. I'm here to be positive about this subject" during a hearing on Capitol Hill on Thursday.

Plano, Texas, whose son, Taylor, was 17 when he hanged himself in July 2003.

During a hearing that lasted 11½ hours, lawmakers questioned baseball's new drug-testing plan, including a provision allowing for fines instead of suspensions. A first offense could cost 10 days out of a six-month season, or perhaps a \$10,000 fine.

"That's the best we could do in collective bargaining,"
Selig said. "The penalties would be much tougher if I had
my way."

He added that he would suspend anyone who fails a test, vowing: "There will be no exceptions." Canseco's book included claims that he injected McG- wire with steroids when they were teammates with the Oakland Athletics and that Palmeiro used the drugs. In a tense scene, they sat at the same table, never directly addressing each other. During a break, Canseco was left out while the other players huddled.

"Steroids were part of the game, and I don't think anybody really wanted to take a stance on it," Canseco said. "If Congress does nothing about this issue, it will go on

forever."

Several congressmen gushed about the sport, recalling how as children they collected baseball cards and auto-graphs and looked up to players. For the most part, members of the committee appeared deferential and unwilling to press the players, saving their harshest criticism for

"Why should we believe that the baseball commissioner and the baseball union will want to do something when we have a 30-year record of them not responding to this problem?" asked Rep. Henry Waxman of California, the committee's ranking Democrat.

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The paneled hearing room was full when the players appeared, with camera crews lining the walls and clogging the aisles. Much of the crowd cleared out when the players left, leaving empty seats for Selig's testimony.

He said the extent of steroids in baseball had been

blown out of proportion.

"Did we have a major problem? No," Selig said. "Let me say this to you: There is no concrete evidence of that, there

is no testing evidence, there is no other kind of evidence."
Questions about steroids have intensified as home runs
have increased. McGwire and Sosa were widely credited
with helping restore baseball's popularity in 1998 when
they chased Roger Maris' season record of 61 homers.
McGwire's mark lasted only three seasons before San

Prancisco's Barry Bonds hit 73.

Bonds and the New York Yankees' Jason Giambi were not called to the hearing. Both testified in 2003 to a grand jury investigating a steroid-distribution ring, and there were concerns testimony to Congress could hinder the

Boston pitcher Curt Schilling, a vocal critic of steroid use, sat at one end of the witness table, with Canseco at the other Palmeiro Soca and McGuire were in between

other. Palmeiro, Sosa and McGwire were in between.
Schilling took a shot at Canseco, saying claims in the former slugger's book "should be seen for what they are: an attempt to make money at the expense of others." He

even called him a "liar."

But Schilling backtracked from his earlier claims of

rampant steroid use, saying "the issue was grossly overstated by people, including myself."

While boosting strength, steroids also can lead to dramatic mood swings, heart disease, cancer, sterility and depression; using most steroids without a doctor's prescription for medical purposes has been illegal since 1991.

Baseball banned steroids in September 2002 and began testing for them with penalties in 2004. Several congressmen pointed out that other major U.S. sports leagues have stricter policies and suggested legislation might be needed to make the testing uniform.

Giambi works out, doesn't tune in testimony

Jason Giambi lifted weights instead of watching his fellow players weather questions about steroids during Thursday's congressional hearing.

The New York Yankees slugger woke up at 10 a.m. - the same time testimony began in front of the House Government Reform Committee in Washington - and went straight to the gym at the team's facility in Tampa, Fla.

"I haven't kept up with it." Giambi said. "I wanted to get my workout in."

Giambi testified in 2003 to a San Francisco grand jury investigating a steroid-distribution ring and was excused on Tuesday from making the trip to Washington. The San Francisco Chronicle reported in December that he acknowledged using steroids

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said he watched highlights of the hearings on the TV while having dinner

Asked if it was a bad day for baseball, Steinbrenner said: "Not a good one so far "

San Diego pitcher Adam Eaton the team's players representative, did watch and wasn't impressed with the legislators' ques-

"I think now that everybody's had their say, to some degree, it

Spring training

sounds like everyone is spinning their wheels, just passing time," Eaton said. "There's nothing coming out of this other than the attention, obviously,'

Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro and Curt Schilling were asked whether baseball should adapt two-year bans for first-time violations, similar to Olympic policy.

"I think we're kind of jumping the gun a little bit on saying we should go to the extreme of the Olympic two-year ban," Eaton "Obviously if they get caught a second time it's a lifetime han We're in an entertaining business. The Olympics are put up on a pedestal of purity

Nearly all of the spring training docket in Florida was rained out on Thursday. The unexpected downtime didn't entice other players to watch the hearings, though.

"I didn't have the TV on today," Vankees nitcher Mike Mussina said. "I don't know what's going to come out of it. Whether I watch it or I don't doesn't change what's happening there.

About 10 members of the Boston Red Sox were in their clubhouse when the hearing started



Chicago Cubs right-hander Greg Maddux works against the Oakland Athletics on Thursday in Phoenix. Maddux won his first game of spring training.

and none were watching even though it was on the TV. Some were eating, others filling in NCAA brackets, others reading the newspaper.

At least one player used the day off to watch. In a crowded New York Mets clubhouse, Mike Piazza — an avid viewer of C-SPAN caught a few moments of the steroid hearings and said he was interested in watching future talks.

Piazza feels the issue is the "olive branch" between the players' union and management, and that he hopes the negative attention doesn't tarnish the sport with

"I hope what's not diminished

takes to hit a 95 mile-per-hour fastball or throw a no-hitter," he said.

In exhibition games:

Giants 7, Rangers 5: At Surprise, Ariz., Kenny Rogers, coming off a career-high 18 victories last season, gave up six runs and 10 hits in 32/3 innings for the Rangers. Rogers, who had pitched just once this spring, gave up a run in one inning when he started the opener March 3 against Kansas

Cubs 6, Athletics 4: At Phoenix, Greg Maddux picked up his first victory of the spring despite allowing four runs and seven hits with a walk and four strikeouts in five innings. Before the game. Cubs manager Dusty Baker suggested Maddux is a strong possi bility to start on Opening Day, with Mark Prior and Kerry Wood sidelined by injuries.

Padres 16. Rockies (ss) 7: At Peoria. Ariz... it was quite an afternoon for Ryan Klesko and Eric Young. Klesko looked like his former self, driving in six of San Diego's first seven runs with two homers and a single.

Young, signed by the Padres as a free agent in December, got to play in the same game with his 19-year-old son, Eric Jr., a Rockies farmhand brought up specifibase against his father's team.

Royals 5, Angels 3: At Tempe, Ariz., Mike Sweeney had three hits and Emil Brown drove in two runs to lead Kansas City past Los Angeles

Brown and Eli Marrero had two hits apiece and Angel Berroa homered for Kansas City, which finished with 14 hits. Steve Finley had two hits and two RRIs for the

ndbacks (ss) 13, Brew ers 10: At Tucson, Ariz., Alan Zinter hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the 10th inning for the Arizona split squad.

Troy Glaus was 2-for-3 with a double, homer and four RBIs The Diamondbacks' new third baseman is 10-for-21 - a .476 average — with five extra-base hits and 12 RBIs in nine games. The Diamondbacks finished

with 19 hits, Milwaukee 17.

Diamondbacks (ss) 5. Rockies (ss) 3: At Tucson, Ariz., Chad Tracv had two hits and three and Michael Gosling pitched four scoreless innings to lead Arizona in a matchup of split-squad teams.

Devil Rays 7, Phillies 3: At Clearwater, Fla., Eduardo Perez hit a three-run homer and Josh Phelps, Shane Halter and Jason Pridie had three hits apiece for Tampa Bay.

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McGwire faces questioning like fidgety Mafia don ball after a crippling strike four Jim Litke

his is the price of all those home runs: A hero shamed, diminished not just in size but in stature, reduced to answering questions from Congress like some fidgety Mafia don — and the game he once dominated unable to crawl out from even that shrunken shad-

"I'm not going to talk about the past," Mark McGwire replied on at least eight occasions, usually when asked about some of the most revered accomplishments in a game that's held the nation in its thrall for more than 130 years.

Though only five players and a handful of MLB executives appeared before the House Government Reform Committee, make no mistake: All of baseball even Barry Bonds, all the more notable by his absence - was

called on the carpet. Only one man, however, owned

"The most effective thing right now," former MVP and best-selling author Jose Canseco said, "is we've got to admit to certain things we've done. What I'm hearing is that I'm the only person in the major leagues who used ste-

The hearings began with former star pitcher and current Sen. Jim Bunning saving, "maybe I'm old fashioned. I remember when players didn't get better as they got older. We all got worse."

The day continued with the anguished stories of two families who lost sons to suicide because



lieved the ad-

from vice coaches and scouts "to get bigger" meant by any means necessary, including the reckless use of

steroids. Then a few of those players who got

bigger and better as they got older took the stage, and, except for the disgraced but still not discredited Canseco, washed their hands of any responsibility. The voices of McGwire and Canseco cracked when discussing the fates that befell young ballplayers Rob Garibaldi and Taylor Hooton. But it wasn't long before all of those who testified - again, with the exception of Canseco began repeating what has become baseball's mantra whenev-

er questions about performance-enhancers arise. "I," said Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling, who on Thursday backed off some of his most strident criticism of steroid users. "am not going to dwell on the

That was essentially McG-wire's answer to whether he considered the use of steroids "cheating

And to the question of whether his magical 1998 home-run race with Sammy Sosa - the one Commissioner Bud Selig credits with sparking the renaissance of baseyears earlier — was played "with honor and integrity."

And to the question of whether he ever used any performance-enhancers beyond the steroid precursor androstenedione, which an Associated Press writer noticed sitting on the top shelf of his locker in 1998. And even to the question of

whether all the home-run records of recent years should be wiped off the books.

"I'm not here." McGwire kept answering, "to go into my past. None of the other players, save

Canseco, were any more forthcoming. They saw no steroid use in the clubhouse, rarely discussed it, and never learned enough about any potential abusers to make confronting them worthwhile.

"It was as acceptable in the late '80s and the mid '90s as a cup of coffee," Canseco said.

Anybody who doubts that now should have spent a few hours in Room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Rep. Henry Waxman recalled that he and Selig, then the owner of the Milwaukee Brewers, were likely the only two people in the room who could recall Congress first investigation of what was called baseball's "alarming" drug problem in 1973. He then reeled off a litany of failed chances that baseball failed to capitalize on

Fans in Boston chanting "steroids, steroids" when Canseco stepped to the plate at Fenway in 1988; former commissioner Fay Vincent's unilateral policy ban-ning, among other drugs, steroids; a string of news reports; McGwire's andro admission; the arrest of a ballplayer with steroids in his car; and more.

"But as we know now from 30 vears of history." Waxman said. baseball failed to regulate it-

The game's new drug policy, itself a product of pressure brought to bear in a previous congressional hearing chaired by Sen. John McCain, is full of loopholes. There are no tests for human growth hormones and amphetamines are not banned. But none of this apparently bothers fans attendance is up across the board - and it hasn't cost baseball its special place in America's sporting life Vet

Not so with McGwire.

The redhead whose lightning swing and 20-inch arms captivated us all shuffled out of the room at the end of the day, his accomplishments now as deflated as his once Bunyanesque frame. A few minutes earlier, a congressman had asked McGwire what message he had for the half-million kids that medical experts believe have tried steroids trying to be just like him.

Just this once. McGwire didn't hesitate to answer.

"Steroids are wrong," he said. "Do not take them. They give you nothing but false hope

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NHL players mulling proposals

One plan links player costs to revenue, one does not

BY IRA PODELL The Associated Press

NEW YORK - After receiving a choice of two proposals from the NHL the players' association went home to try to think of something better.

"We're going to do some brainstorming," union senior director Ted Saskin said.

The league and the union met for 21/2 hours Thursday in New York, but only 20 minutes was spent together. It was then that the NHL presented two six-year offers: one that linked player costs to league revenues and one

A source close to the negotia tions told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the "de-linked" offer contained a hard cap of \$37.5 million per team, \$5 million lower than commissioner Gary Bettman's final, nonnegotiable proposal made on Feb. 15 — the night before he called off the season.

The removal of linkage was what got the union to agree for the first time to accept a salary cap, but the sides are still nowhere near an agreeable number.

The other offer was more along the lines of what the league wants - a collective bargaining agreement with linkage to ensure "cost certainty" for its 30 clubs. In that proposal, players would be guaranteed 54 percent of league revenues, the source said.

Neither proposal really wowed the players' association.

When the players agreed to a salary cap last month, they countered the league's offer of a hard cap at \$42.5 million with a soft cap of \$49 million.

The proposals today were nothing new," Saskin told the AP. "It was basically a reformulation ... actually worse in content than ones we had previously rejected.

The NHL, however, did make some concessions. The new non-linked offer included a minimum payroll of \$22.5 million and provided a mechanism to negotiate the cap upward if there was revenue success, the source said.

Both proposals included the players' offer of a 24 percent rollback on existing contracts. They also addressed issues such as the entry-level system, qualifying offers, salary arbitration, and free agency



Joe Ogilvie talks about his sand shot on the 18th hole during the rain-de layed first round of the Bay Hill Invitational in Orlando, Fla., on Friday.

Ogilvie takes early lead in Bay Hill Invitational

ORLANDO Fla - Joe Ogilvie

started in the rain and finished in the cold, a first round in the Bay Hill Invitational that took him more than 24 hours to complete but left him atop the leader board Friday morning.

Whether he stays there won't be determined until the other 60 players finish in the afternoon in a tournament that so far has featured odd weather and strange do-

ings on the course. Ogilvie, coming off a playoff loss at the Honda Classic, finished with a 4-under 68 and had a one-shot lead over Graeme Mc-

Dowell of Northern Ireland among the early starters. Sergio Garcia, Kenny Perry and Mark Calcavecchia were among those at 2-under 70. Tiger Woods looked as if he

might be among the leaders until his 8-foot birdie putt on the 13th hole caught the right edge of the cup and spun away. He was 3 under at the time and seemingly in control. But Woods had to make a 6-footer for par on the to avoid bogey-bogey-bogey finish. He

wound up with a 71. Ernie Els. joining Woods in the marquee group at Bay Hill, was five shots behind him after an ugly bogey on the par-5 12th. He made up those five shots in five holes, but not before the South African was so disgusted with his putting that he flung his ball into the water on the 13th. He also

shot 71. U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen hit two balls out of bounds - one on Thursday, one on Friday - in his first round and wound up with a 78. Goosen was so sporadic that he didn't hit a par 5 in regulation until the last one, No. 16, and even then just barely. His second shot started to roll

into the water until it stopped in the wet grass.

The most bizarre moment belonged to Mark Hensby. He was 9 over for his round when he hit out of bounds on the 18th. Instead of reloading, he packed it in. The Aussie walked the rest of the hole

Golf roundup

with Andre Stolz and Mike Weir without hitting another shot, and was disqualified for not finishing the 18th hole. The PGA Tour has been

packed with great tournaments and quality winners, although weather is emerging as a theme every bit as prominent as Woods. Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh

dominating early.
When nearly 2 inches of rain fell Thursday afternoon that susnended the first round after just three hours, it marked the sixth tour event this year where a

round was halted by weather. Worse than the rain, temperatures were in the mid-40s when

the early starters returned to resume the first round. The lost time will lead to a long

The 36-hole cut will not be made until Saturday afternoon.

Groupings for the final round will not be determined until late Sunday morning, and threesomes will go off both tees the rest of the

Sorenstam one back in Safeway International

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN. Ariz. - Defending champion Annika Sorenstam shot a 6-under 66 on Thursday to finish a stroke behind first-round leaders Lorena Ochoa and Siew-Ai Lim in the Safeway International, while Michelle Wie was in danger of missing the cut after a 73.

Sorenstam won her 57th LPGA Tour title two weeks ago weeks ago in Mexico in her season debut, her third straight victory dating to last year. The 15-year-old Wie is coming off a second-place tie in the sea-son-opening SBS Open in Hawaii.

Juli Inkster matched Sorenstam at 66, Karen Stupples had a 67, and Soo-Yun Kang, Sung Ah Yim and Moira Dunn shot 68s. Paula Creamer, Beth Daniel, Candie Kung, Natalie Gulbis, Marcy Hart, Dawn Coe-Jones, Karrie Webb and Kim Williams had 69s.

Giants sign wide receiver Burress

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. -Plaxico Burress didn't let an agent stand in the way of joining the New York Giants.

The free agent wide receiver officially joined the Giants on Fri day, a week after rejecting an offer from the team. He then fired agent Michael Harrison and with Drew Rosenhaus, who renewed negotiations.

The six-year, \$25 million con tract was reached Thursday, and includes an \$8 million signing bonus, a football source told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The speedy former Pittsburgh Steelers receiver met with the Gi ants last week and turned down a deal similar to the one he agreed to Thursday, causing New York to pull the offer from the table. But Burress liked the situation

in New York enough to work out a deal. He now becomes Eli Manning's No. 1 receiver.

"Having the option to move around and be able to go in motion and create some one-on-one matchups, that's an opportunity that I've been waiting for," Burress said. "I believe I can go out and play at a level with some."
the best receivers in this game."
foot-5 and 226

Burress, 6-foot-5 and 226 pounds, will be an attractive target for Manning, who is heading into his first season as a starter. Burress had 35 catches for 698

yards and five touchdowns last season and is a proven deep Burress spent the last five sea-

sons in Pittsburgh after the Steelers selected him in the first round of Michigan State in 2000

Eagles linebacker Adams agrees to one-year deal PHILADELPHIA - Lineback-

er Keith Adams agreed to a -year contract Friday with the Eagles following a season in which his career-high 54 tackles helped Philadelphia reach the Super Bowl. Adams also is a key player on

special teams whose value rose after he played well as a starter filling in for Mark Simoneau in the playoffs

Sports briefs

Steelers restructure contract. free up salary cap money

PITTSBURGH - The Pitts burgh Steelers restructured the contract of left tackle Marvel Smith on Friday to free up \$2.55 million in salary cap space.

Smith will be paid the minibase salary mum-wage \$540,000 in 2005 instead of the \$3.95 million in salary he had been due. The remaining \$3.4 million was paid to Smith this week as a signing bonus. Over the last three years, Smith

has been given \$11.1 million in bonus money while making the NFL minimum in salary each

Man pleads guilty to making threats in Bryant case DENVER - A California man

pleaded guilty Friday to threaten ing the prosecutor and the al-leged victim in the rape case against Kobe Bryant. Cedric Augustine, 38, of the

Los Angeles area, could get up to years in prison and \$250,000 fine. Augustine pleaded guilty to

making interstate threats. In exchange federal prosecutors dropped two dozen other counts. including attempted extortion and threatening to use fire or ex-

Augustine, who appeared to be ying at times, admitted that he called Eagle County District At-torney Mark Hurlbert in 2003 and threatened his life and that of the 20-year-old Colorado woman who accused the basketball star

The criminal charges against Bryant were dropped in September after the woman said she no longer wanted to go forward with the case. She and the Los Angeles Lakers star announced March 2 they had agreed to an undisclosed settlement in her civil suit against

Bryant denied assaulting the woman and said they had consen-

Cardinals' Sanders sidelined indefinitely with appendicitis

JUPITER, Fla. - St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Reggie Sanders will be sidelined indefinitely after eing diagnosed with appendicitis Thursday. The Cardinals said Sanders, 37

vas scheduled to have an appen dectomy later Thursday night. The veteran outfielder reported to camp in the morning and complained of stomach pain. He was evaluated by the team's medical staff and diagnosed with acute appendicitis.

Sprinters Kenteris, Thanou cleared by Greek officials

ATHENS, Greece - Sprinters Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Th anou were cleared by Greek sports officials Friday of evading pre-Olympic drug tests. The ruling by the Greek Athlet-

ics Federation came after two months of hearings into a scandal that deeply embarrassed the hosts of last summer's Athens Olympics. The sprinters had faced possible two-year bans if found guilty.

Their coach, Christos Tzekos was blamed for the athletes missed tests and was suspended for four years. He was cleared of separate accusations of distribut ing banned substances

Costas Panagonoulos head of five-member sports panel, said the sprinters were exonerated by a 4-1 vote.

Slutskaya leads in worlds after short program

MOSCOW - Irina Slutskaya led the short program in figure skating's world championships Friday, finishing just ahead of Sasha Cohen despite a continuing heart ailment and the stress of performing before a home crowd Cohen finished less than three points behind Slutskava.

Caroline Kostner of Italy, who landed a triple-triple, was in third place heading into Saturday's final free program. Japan's Miki Ando was fourth after the short program and defending world champion Shizuka Arakawa of Japan was sixth.

Orien Greene turns up when its tourney time

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Louisiana-Lafayette guard Orien Greene is making his fourth straight appearance in the NCAA tournament. More impressive is that he's done it with two schools.

that he's done it with two schools.

Greene made his first two trips
with Florida before transferring
to the 13th-seeded Ragin' Cajuns,
who play fourth-seeded Louisville on Friday night.

Coincidentally, Greene's old team also was sent to Nashville in the NCAA pod system even though the Cajuns are in the Albuquerque Regional, while Florida is in the Syracuse Regional.

"Oh yeah, it's pretty ironic they (are) out here like that," Greene

said.

Before transferring, Greene was Florida's Mr. Basketball at Gainesville High School, played in every game for the Gators as a freshman, and started in 30 games as a sophomore.

He said he has changed since leaving Florida.

"I've grown a lot. I probably just worked on every aspect of my game and not just one or two parts, and I just go out there and try to win and play every game like it's my last," Greene said.

Greene broke his right leg at Kansas on Dec. 11 and missed six games, then returned to help the Caiuns win 14 of their last 17.

He planned to chat with some



teammates such as David Lee and Adrian Moss and even Florida coach

Billy Donovan.

But Greene does have an agen-

da this time around with the Cajuns.
"We've been put out every time

... hopefully I can go a little bit further this year," he said.

Some time away: A few months ago, Bucknell coach Pat

Flannery was enjoying basketball so little that he needed some time off. "We got to a point where it just wasn't as fun as it was supposed

to be," Flannery said. "I wasn't communicating with my family and my kids. ... I just hit a wall, and when I did, I got the kind of help I needed." Flannery still attended practic-

es but took a few games off, received counseling for stress and came back feeling rejuvenated.

"Basketball is not who I am, is what I found out," Flannery said. "It's what I do. And that wasn't the case before"

Flannery returned to lead Bucknell to a Patriot League tournament title and a berth in the NCAAs. The Bison, seeded 14th in the Syracuse Regional, play third-seeded Kansas in Oklahoma City on Friday night. The Bison had been on their way to an 11-game winning streak before Flannery stepped away, but players said his leave of absence made things better.
"We definitely noticed a

"We definitely noticed a change," guard Kevin Bettencourt said. "It's tough on your team to lose your head coach for any stretch of time. It was something he needed to do and we were here to support him. When he did get back, it did bring the team closer. It made other guys step up and be leaders, and since he has been back, we have jelled better as a team."

And now that his Bison are in the NCAA tournament, what's not to like? Flannery said he's happy again and making sure to enjoy the little things.

"I'm in a whole different spot,"

Left behind: Guard Billy Edelin, a key cog in Syracuse's run to the national championship two years ago, did not accompany the team to Worcester, Mass., for its first-round game against Vermont on Fridav.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim acknowledged that Edelin did not make the trip but would not elabo-

rate on his absence.

Edelin was declared ineligible
by the NCAA for the fall semester
because he did not meet academic eligibility requirements but
was granted an academic waiver
petition by the NCAA in October,
making him immediately eligible
to play.

Although Edelin did not practice before the season and sat out the first five games because of academics, he played in 20 games and has converted more than 50 percent of his shots (34-for-67).

However, he has not played in



Minnesota coach Dan Monson, getting a pat on the head from Aaron Robinson, has weathered a stormy rebuilding process in getting the Gophers back into the NCAA tournament.

the Orange's last six games.

Edelin had been practicing with the team and was on the bench for all three of Syracuse's games in the Big East tourna-

Job security: Dan Monson's job security at Minnesota was shaky at best this time last season.

Monson tuned out the critics and rumor mongers and led Minnesota into the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1999. The Gophers play Iowa State on Friday in Charlotte.

"For people to start getting off his back and start giving him a little credit is nice to see," forward Brent Lawson said.

Monson has mot had an easy Monson has mot had an easy ta. He took over as the school was reeling from an academic scandal. The scandal cost Minesota scholarships and a reduction in recruiting privileges that made it difficult for Monson to rebuild. He's finally done it this year.

Morgan's 21 spark UNLV win

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Ricky Morgan scored 21 points to lead UNLV past Arizona State 89-78 in the first round of the NIT on Thursday night.

Morgan had 15 points in the first half and was 6-for-9 from the field overall, including 3-for-3 from three-point range. He was averaging 3.4 points per game coming in the game.

The Rebels (17-13) advanced to play at South Carolina in the second round Tuesday night.

Ike Diogu had 29 points and 11 rebounds in what may have ben his last game for the Sun Devils (18-14). The junior power forward could be an NBA first-round draft pick this year if he decides to skip his senior season.

Diogu was 10-for-16 from the field and 8-for-11 from the free throw line.

Odartey Blankson had 19 points for the Rebels and Jerel Blassingame and Michael Umeh each added 11.

UNLV shot 59 percent from the floor (34-for-58), including 11-for-22 from three-point range. Arizona State made 45 percent of its shots.

UNLV, which led just about the entire game, built its largest lead of the first half at 30-21. The Sun Devils then went on an 8-0 run, but the Rebels pulled away late in the half and led 48-40 at intermis-

The Sun Devils scored the first five points of the second half, but came no closer the rest of the way.

UNLV eventually built a 77-61 lead with 7:11 left, their largest lead of the game.

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Busch finds it's better to be lucky Gree Biffle and the other race.

The Associated Press

or Kurt Busch, last season was about being in the right place at the right time — on and off the racetrack.

So far in 2005, more of the same.

Bush, the reigning champion, is

Bush, the reigning champion, is back atop the NASCAR Nextel Cup points standings heading into Sunday's race at Atlanta Motor Speedway, thanks to the sanctioning body taking 25 points away from Las Vegas race winner Jimmie Johnson after his car failed a postrace inspection.

Busch, off to a great start this season with finishes of second, third and second, went into last Sunday's race leading Johnson by five points and came away from his latest runner-up finish trailing by 15 points.

The penalty against Johnson after his Chevrolet failed the minimum height requirement put Busch back on top by 10 points.

Racing notes

Busch said it's much too early for the points, or having the series lead, to make much of a difference.

"We're only three races into this deal, and March is way too early to talk about where you are in the points," Busch said.

"Obviously, we want to go out and earn as many points as we possibly can — that's what is important right now. Not necessarily whether we're in first, second,

third or whatever."

Based on the first three races, it appears the championship could be a season-long battle between Roush Racing and Hendrick Mo-

Hendrick drivers Jeff Gordon and Johnson have won two of the first three races and rookie Kyle Busch — Kurt's younger brother — won the pole at California and finished second at Las Vegas. Greg Biffle got the other race victory and, along with Kurt Busch, Carl Edwards and Mark Martin, is part of a Roush foursome among the top nine in the driver standings.

"This penalty certainly won't affect the way we have to race against these guys in the future, because right now it looks like they'll be the ones to beat further down the road," Kurt Busch said. "So the penalty is nothing we're focusing on. They've been fast in all three races this year, and I don't see any sign of that changing."

This isn't even the first time he has found himself in the points lead because of a penalty.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was docked 25 points for utering a curse during a TV interview following a victory last October at Talladega. That cost Junior the points lead and thrust Busch to the top, where he remained to the end of the season. NCAA tournament: Syracuse Regional

C. State holds off Charlotte

WORCESTER, Mass. - Julius Hodge atoned for the lowest moment of his college career in a big

Hodge had 19 points, nine assists and seven rebounds Friday to lead North Carolina State to a 75-63 victory over Charlotte in the first round of the Syracuse Regional.

10th-seeded Wolfpack (20-13) advanced to Sunday's second-round game against either defending national champion Connecticut or Central Florida.

Andrew Brackman had 16 points, Ilian Evtimov and Cameron Bennerman each had 12 and Engin Atsur 10 for the Wolfnack who limited the 49ers (21-8) to 38 percent shooting and shut down their perimeter game in the second half. All of Bennerman's points came after the break and while he was guarding hot-shooting Brendan Plavich.

Plavich, who led the nation with nearly four three-pointers per game, was 5-for-7 from long range for 15 points in the first half but was held scoreless in the

second, missing all three of his long-range attempts. Eddie Bas-den and Curtis Withers each scored 15 for the seventh-seeded 49ers and E.J. Drayton had 11.

A year ago in the NCAA tournament, Hodge was in tears after fouling out in a second-round game against Vanderbilt. And. it appeared his career would end on a sour note when the 49ers shot 60 percent in the first half and couldn't miss from beyond the arc in the early going.

North Carolina State, which trailed by 14 points less than five minutes into the game, gradually fought back in the second half.

While Bennermen was frustrating Plavich, Hodge took over. Less than three minutes after scoring his 2,000th career point, Hodge converted a three-point play to pull the Wolfpack within 49-45 at 14:21

Hodge then best Basden the two-time Conference USA defensive player of the year, along the baseline at 10:32 and, after Playich threw up an airball, Bennerman hit a pull-up jumper to give the Wolfpack their first lead since Hodge scored the first basket of the game

The 49ers never recovered After Withers' free throw tied the game at 59 with 4:15 left, Hodge led a 16-4 closing run. Slapping the floor with his hands and shouting encouragement at his teammates. Hodge fed Bennerman for an easy layup, nabbed an offensive rebound to set up a three-pointer from the top of the key by Evtimov, and fed Andrew Brackman for a fast-break dunk to give the Wolfpack an insurmountable 69-61 lead with 81 seconds left.

Iowa State 64. Minnesota 53: At Charlotte, N.C., Iowa State held Minnesota to 33 percent shooting and Curtis Stinson led a balanced attack with 18 points Rahshon Clark and Jared Homan added 14 each for Iowa State (19-11), which got past the first round for the first time since reaching the round of eight in 2000. The next season, seeded second, the Cyclones lost to 15th-seeded Hampton in the tournament opener.

That was only the beginning of

their problems. Larry Eustachy resigned as coach in 2003 after it was revealed he had partied with college students on Big 12 road trins embarrassing the university and leaving a cloud over the

He was replaced by his top as-sistant, Wayne Morgan. In Morgan's second season, Iowa State is again back in the postseason.

Getting there took some work, however. A six-game losing streak in January left the Cy-clones 0-5 in the Big 12, with games coming up against Oklahoma and Kansas. They won both including a surprising upset of the Jayhawks at Kansas, and finished off a 10-3 record over their final 13 games to secure a No. 9 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Brent Lawson and Vincent Grier had 14 apiece for the eighth-seeded Gophers (21-11), who had their own problems in re-cent years. After a trip to the 1999 tournament, an NCAA investigation found that the school committed 21 major academic violations. The infractions cost coach Clem Haskins his job, scholarships were cut, and all the records between 1993-98 were erased.

No. 17 Oklahoma 84. Niagara 67: Oklahoma overcame its own

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With the 6-foot-7 Maxiell repeatedly swatting away shots

steals for Cincinnati (25-7)

in NCAA tournament openers.

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Kentucky (26-5) extended its

(20-10) into 16 turnovers. Juan Mendez led the 14th-seed-

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NCAA tournament: Austin Regional

Utah overcomes UTEP, hostile crowd

TUCSON, Ariz. - Call this one a road victory for Utah. Neutral court? No way.

UTEP might as well have been playing at home with the raucous following from El Paso that packed McKale Center on Thurs-With

the deafening crowd against them, the Utes escaped with a 60-54 first-round NCAA tournament victory thanks to a brilliant bit of defense by Tim Drisdom and a critical rebound by exhausted center Andrew Rogut

Utah led 56-54 when UTEP's lightning-fast point guard, Filiberto Rivera, drove the lane. Drisdom stripped the ball away, then was fouled by Rivera. The Utah junior's two free throws made it 58-54 with 15.4 seconds to play.

"I kind of took a gamble and came up with the steal," Drisdom said, "It was a little luck, a little defense. Jason Williams tried to score in-

side, but Bogut got a piece of the ball, then saved the rebound as he crashed to the floor. Marc Jackson's two free throws with 5.6 seconds to go sealed a victory that left the Lites 6-0 in NCAA tourna-

ment games at McKale Center. Utah (28-5) has won 23 of its last 25 games.

Bogut, who played all 40 minutes, had 24 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots, but the Australian 7-footer, who could be the first player taken in this year's NBA Draft if he turns pro as expected, was just 2-for-4 shooting in the second half and



Texas El-Paso's Will Kimble (52) battles Utah's Andrew Bogut for a rebound during a first-round NCAA tournament game. Utah won 60-54.

made only four of 10 free throws. He didn't have a field goal in the final 17 minutes of the game.

'When they have three guys guarding him, you're not going to get him the ball," Utah coach Ray Giacoletti said

The Utes' attempts to get the hall inside resulted in several of their 18 turnovers. Bryant Markson was the only other Ute in double figures with 10 points.

Omar Thomas, one of the great

overcoming a childhood in which his father and two brothers were imprisoned for murder, scored 24 in his final college game, many of the points coming on drives around the slower Bogut.Rivera added 11 points for the Miners

stories of the tournament after

The sixth-seeded Utes play Oklahoma on Saturday in the sec ond round of the Austin Regional

In other games Thursday:

NCAA tournament: Chicago Region

Wis.-Milwaukee rolls out the Tide

CLEVELAND Wisconsin-Milwaukee's players didn't madly chase each other around the floor or do anything extraordinary to celebrate the biggest victory in school history.

The Panthers are above all that. This was business as usual.
"We expected this," forward

Joah Tucker said. "It wasn't a big surprise for us.' Wisconsin-Milwaukee, whose

players were briefly barred from practicing Wednesday when they couldn't produce their student-IDs, pulled off the first stunner of the NCAA tournament, beating Alahama 83-73 on Thursday Now everyone knows the Pan-

Tucker and Ed McCants scored 21 points apiece as Milwaukee (25-5) won its first NCAA tourney game in its second try. Two years ago, the 12th-seeded Panthers

lost to Notre Dame 70-69. Horizon The underrated League champions finished the job this time, outplaying one of the Southeastern Conference's top programs and continuing a trend of No. 12s beating No. 5s in March. That first-round matchup has produced an upset in 16 of the nast 17 tournaments the only evception being in 2000.

Kennedy Winston had 20 points and Ronald Steele 16 for the Crimson Tide (24-8), who had hoped to have another run like a year ago when they made it to the round of eight.

In other games Thursday in the Chicago Region:

No. 1 Illinois 67. Fairleigh Dickinson 55: At Indianap the 16th-seeded Knights took it to the nation's top-ranked team in the first half, trailing by only one point at halftime before succumbing after Illinois' 26-9 run that started the second half. In the opening 20 minutes, Fair-

leigh Dickinson (23-10) outscored

won the rebounding battle.

Illinois guard Dee Brown, who had a team-high 19 points, called his team's first-half performance "kind of embarrassing," especially before a huge crowd dominated by Illini orange-clad fans.

But Illinois led 58-39 with 5:14 remaining and the Knights didn't get closer than 11.

Luther Head had 13 points for Illinois, while James Augustine added 15 rebounds and 11 points. won the overall rebounding battle 42-30

Gordon Klaiber had 24 points and eight rebounds to lead FDU, was making its fourth NCAA appearance.

Nevada 61, Texas 57: At India napolis, the Wolf Pack made an improbable comeback in the final 2 minutes, scoring the last eight points of the game in their second straight first-round victory

The Wolf Pack (25-6), who matched Texas shove for shove, survived a dreadful night by Western Athletic Conference player of the year Nick Fazekas. Kevinn Pinkney, who had 15 points, and Fazekas accounted for more than 41 percent of Nevada's points dur-

ing the season.

With Pinkney in foul trouble eeded help. Mo Charlo came of the bench to score 12 points and Ramon Sessions added 11.

Fazekas finished with 10 points and 13 rebounds while shooting 3-for-14 against Texas' aggres-

Texas center Jason Klotz and backup guard Kenny Taylor nearly rallied the Longhorns in the second half. They combined for 26 of 31 points in the last 20 minutes and helped give Texas (20-11) a

57-53 lead and 2:24 to go. Klotz finished with a career-high 20 points, while Taylor added 12, and Brad Buckman had 14 points and 11 rebounds. Daniel Gibson, the Big 12 freshman of the year, scored just eight points.

"We were very aggressive, we made shots," said Craig Smith,

team last season.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee guard Roo Davis (24) celebrates his team's 83-73 victory Thursday over No. 5 seed Alabama.

No. 9 Arizona 66, Utah State 53: At Boise, Idaho, the Wildcats avoided a second straight first-round exit by rallying from a slight halftime deficit and dominating the second half.

Utah State (24-8) shot 53 percent from the field this season, but was just 8-for-30 (26.7 percent) in the second half. Arizona kent turning the misses into easy points, getting the ball inside to Channing Frye as he scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half.

Stoudamire fought through asthma and scored 17 points for the Wildcats (28-6). "We were able to cut their lead

a couple of times, but they weren't going to have any of that." Utah State coach Stew Morrill said.

Jaycee Carroll led No. 14 seed Utah State with 18 points, going 5-for-10 from three-point range.

No. 14 Boston College 85, Pennsylvania 65: At Cleveland, the Eagles got back to playing like the team that didn't lose a game until Feb. 8.

UAB: Blazers fluster LSU

UAB. FROM BACK PAGE

gers had 21 turnovers - 12 in the first half — that led to 20 points. and had trouble controlling the ball even when UAB backed off, dribbling the ball off their feet out of hounds several times

Carldell Johnson was particularly effective against Tack Minor, pestering LSU's point guard into seven turnovers, including two in LSU's first three nossessions.

"We attacked Minor. He got cut off early in the game and when he didn't get a call, it kind of hurt their team." UAB's Demario Ed-

dins said. It sure did.

Afraid of having the ball swiped away, the Tigers had trouble getting the shots they wanted. settling for long three-pointers and forcing shots in the lane ISII shot just 35 percent and was six of 31 on three-pointers.

Brandon Bass, the SEC's play er of the year, led LSU with 25 points and 12 rebounds, but was the only player to hit more than half his shots (8-for-10). Darrel Mitchell, LSU's second-leading scorer (13.5 points per game), had two points on one-of-14 shooting and missed all nine of his attempts from long range.

"They're a scrappy team," Mitchell said. "They made us turn the ball over a little bit and they got easy baskets off of it, and they capitalized on our turn-

UAB's defense set un quick-hit offense, leading to plenty of fast-break chances, snot-up three-pointers and open looks before the Tigers were fully setup.

The Blazers took control with a 12-2 run midway through the first half that gave them a 26-15 lead UAB held LSU to 10-of-31 shooting in the first half and led 41-29 at halftime. It only got worse for the Tigers in the second half.

LSU started off with a turnover and fell behind 59-34 after UAB opened with an 18-5 run in the first 6 minutes. LSU made a late run to cut UAB's lead to 75-66 with just over a minute left.

NCAA tournament: Albuquerque Region

Top-seed Washington starts fast, holds on vs. Montana blocked Nate Funk's three-point The Associated Press Montana was led by Kamarr his 17 in the second half for Pacif-J.P. Batista added 14 points for

BOISE, Idaho - Washington has received plenty of criticism about its No. 1 seed and didn't do a lot to end to it Thursday after an 88-77 victory over No. 16 seed Montana.

After charging to a 19-point lead against the Grizzlies (18-13), Montana kent it closer than expected.

"We came out with a lot of intensity and rotated guys in there who kept up the intensity up, but then we kind of got cool down the stretch," Washington's Brandon Roy said. "Being a No. 1 team is hard because you're thinking about it the whole game."

Roy had 17 points and Tre Simmons added 15

Davis' 24 points. The Grizzlies rallied from a dismal start before fading against the Pac-10 champion. The Huskies (28-5) face Pacific

in the second round In other games Thursday in the

Albuquerque Region: No. 22 Pacific 79, Pittsburgh

71: At Boise, Idaho, Christian Maraker led Pacific with 17 points, coming back after hitting his head hard on the court in the first half and Mike Webb scored a career-high 15 - all on three-pointers — for Pacific (27-3) "Being here last year and know

ing what it takes to get a victory definitely helped this team." said David Doubley, who scored 11 of Carl Krauser scored 25 of his

27 points in the second half as the Panthers (20-9) furiously tried to make up for a dismal first half.

No. 5 Wake Forest 70, Chattaooga 54: At Cleveland, Chris Paul scored 20 points in his return from a one-game suspension and second-seeded Wake Forest shook off a horrible first half.

Paul added six rebounds and five assists for Wake Forest (27-5), which will face West Virginia winner in the second round. Chris Brown scored 14 points for Chattanooga (20-11).

West Virginia 63, Creighton 61: At Cleveland, Tyrone Sally

attempt, then raced downcourt for a fast-break dunk with 2.9 seconds to go to break a tie.

who had 15 points and 13 re-

bounds. "It was kind of like how we started 20-0. I definitely feel

Jared Dudley led a versatile at-

tack with 18 points. The Eagles went 7-for-10 on three-pointers in

the first half, when Penn (20-9)

drew in its defense, then passed

inside for easy baskets and pulled

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 63, SE

Louisiana 50: In Oklahoma City,

JamesOn Curry made key plays down the stretch to help the sec-

ond-seeded Cowboys pull away

Curry sliced into the lane and

found Ivan McFarlin cutting to the

basket for a layup, and the Cow-boys expanded their three-point

Curry added a free throw, then

found McFarlin for a basket in-

side to help Oklahoma State take

a 49-43 lead. Terrence Crawford

emphatically iammed home a

miss by John Lucas III, and

McFarlin scored 18 points to

lead the Cowboys, a Final Four

Curry hit a three-pointer.

lead in the final minutes.

we have our swagger back

away in the second.

On Friday

late in the game.

Kevin Pittsnogle had 17 points for No. 7 seed West Virginia (22-10) which gave coach John Beilein his 500th victory. Funk had 23 points for Creighton (23-11).

No. 10 Gonzaga 74, Winthrop 64: At Tucson, Ariz., Adam Morrison scored 27 points to lead third-seeded Gonzaga (26-4).

The loss snapped No. 14 seed Winthrop's 18-game winning streak the longest in the nation. Gonzaga won its 13th in a row.

Neither team led by more than eight until the final minutes, and it was tied four times in the secand half

Gonzaga, and Ronny Turiaf had 13 points and 13 rebounds. Torrell Martin scored 22 points and made six three-pointers - both career highs — for the Eagles (27-6), who are 0-5 in the NCAAs. Gonzaga will face Texas Tech

in the second round No. 24 Texas Tech 78, UCLA

66: At Tucson, Ariz., Ronald Ross scored 28 points and sixth-seeded Texas Tech shot a season-high 62 percent from the field.

Texas Tech (21-10) improved to 2-2 in NCAA tournament games under coach Bob Knight, who is 44-23 in 27 NCAA appearances. It was only Knight's fourth victory in 12 tournament games since 1995.

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UAB's pressmen flatten LSU



LSU's Glen Davis (34) is hounded by Alabama-Birmingham's Ernest Little on Thursday. The Tigers (20-10) committed 21 turnovers, leading to 20 points for the Blazers (22-10).

Tigers wilt under Blazers' stifling pressure defense

BY JOHN MARSHALL

BOISE, Idaho — Pressing, trapping and causing havoc, UAB's defense was at its frenetic best.

Yep, the Blazers could be ready for another deep run in the NCAA tournament.

Marvett McDonald had 21 points and hit five three-pointers, and 11th-seeded Alabama-Birmingham used its stingy defense to pull off another upset, knocking off Louisiana State 82-68 on Thursday night in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"Basically, they hadn't faced pressure like we've given all year long." ITAB'S bonell Taylor said. "They were kind of thinking we would come out a little weak and they'd be able to do what they want to do, but we got in those guys' grill and they were kicking the ball off their feet and throwing passes at each other's knees. We just stepped our defense up a whole lot more."

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They're are doing it at just the right time.
The Blazers (22-10) reached the round of 16 last year after beating Washington and top-seeded Kentucky, and seem to have that same kind of confidence after taking out the Chicago Regional's sixth seed.

Next up for UAB is third-seeded Arizona, which had trouble with No. 14 Utah State before pulling away in the second half for a 66-53 victory.

"What a defensive performance by our team," UAB coach Mike Anderson said. "I thought our guys were clicking on a lot of different cylinders. We've been playing some





pretty good basketball and now you're seeing some of the parts starting to come together." LSU (20-10) got into the NCAA tournament

with an eight-game winning streak and a one-point overtime loss to Kentucky in the SEC tournament semifinal game, but the Tigers were no match for UAB's in-your-face defense.

LSU forced things once it fell behind and

Alabama-Birmingham's Brandon Tobias (above) cheers as his 11th-seeded team topples a No. 6 seed 82-68. Louisiana State players Glen Davis (left) and Darrell Mitchell react to a delay-of-game call, one of several turnovers that led to the Tigers' 25-point deficit early in the second half.

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didn't find a rhythm offensively until it was too late, quickly ending its first trip to the NCAA tournament since 2003.

"We just didn't handle it very well," LSU coach John Brady said." I really think some of those (turnovers) were unforced and we got tentative. Then when we didn't make a couple of shots we would normally make, I think a couple of our guys lost the confidence they had played with the last month or six weeks." UAB's attacking defense gave the Tigers fits immediately.

Using a seemingly endless bench — all 12 players saw action in the first half — the Blazers pressed the length of the floor and trapped in halfcourt sets, hounding LSU into mistakes and disrupting the flow of its offense. The Ti-

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